

100th ANNIVERSARY



AVOCA, PENNSYLVANIA

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This Centennial Book
is dedicated
to all the people of Avoca
and especially to those who helped
in the task of planning and arranging
for the proper observance of our

100th ANNIVERSARY

The many hours, days and weeks
of planning
meetings, caravans, promenades,
dances and parades
of the past few months
will not be forgotten as the years pass by.

May we all be able
to look down from heaven during the
next Centennial Celebration and say
"Happy Anniversary Avoca".

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The Executive Committee

Joseph D. Hannon, Hon. Chairman
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Message from the PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES

RICHARD M. NIXON
President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1971

TO THE PEOPLE OF AVOCA, PENNSYLVANIA

The observance of your one hundredth anniversary is an occasion of deep pride for you as well as for the nation.

The high purpose and vital community spirit that are reflected in your eventful history are in the best tradition of our American way of life.

Armed with these same qualities in the years ahead, I know that you will strive to be in the vanguard of constructive civic accomplishment. I welcome your full partnership in the demanding tasks we face as a nation, and in the good that promises to come from our united efforts.

Richard Nixon



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

May 6, 1971

Borough of Avoca
Avoca
Pennsylvania

Dear Citizens:

My sincere congratulations are extended to the Borough of Avoca upon the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of its founding.

The citizens of the Borough of Avoca are to be commended for their dedication and effort for constructive programs for the good of the Borough.

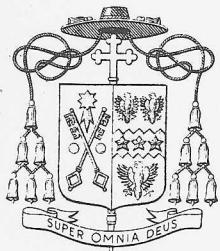
As Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I respect and admire the efforts of those in our citizenry who bring honor and achievement to our State.

My very best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milton J. Shapp".

MILTON J. SHAPP
Governor



Diocese of Scranton
300 Wyoming Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

May 6, 1971

The Honorable Joseph D. Hannon
Mayor
Avoca Borough

Dear Mayor Hannon,

As Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, it gives me great pleasure to extend my heartfelt best wishes to you and to all the residents of the Borough of Avoca on the occasion of your Centennial Celebration.

In the course of the decade leading up to this Celebration, God has blessed the people of your area in countless ways. Living together in peace and friendly cooperation, they have prospered and have grown into a strong community.

May God continue to shower His blessings on you during the years to come as He has done so abundantly in the past.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

J. Carroll McCormick

Most Reverend J. Carroll McCormick, D. D.
Bishop of Scranton

DANIEL J. FLOOD
11TH DIST., PENNSYLVANIA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 8, 1971

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Honorable Joseph D. Hannon
Honorary Chairman
Avoca Centennial Committee
Avoca, Pennsylvania

Dear Mayor Hannon:

The occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of the Borough of Avoca should serve as a source of pride and cause for celebration by the citizens of this fine community.

The role which Avoca residents have played in the progress of our region in past decades, and the dedication of its people to their church, their country and their fellow men, are attributes of which you and all Avocans can be justly proud.

Over a century ago, the great poet Thomas Moore gave the name of your community prominence in Irish literature when he wrote of ". . . the meeting of the waters . . ." Let us resolve in 1971 that the poetical waters of which he wrote might serve as the source of a new spring from which we can take inspiration and ideals for the century to come.

Over the years, I have always welcomed the support and friendship of Avoca residents. Again, Thomas Moore perhaps described best my feelings, when he wrote in "Sweet Vale of Avoca": ". . . in thy bosom of shade, with the friends I love best. . ."

Congratulations and best wishes to everyone.

Sincerely,


DANIEL J. FLOOD, M.C.



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EMBASSY OF IRELAND

WASHINGTON, D. C.

29th April 1971

The Honorable Joseph D. Hannon,
Honorary Chairman,
Centennial Committee,
Avoca,
PENNSYLVANIA 18641.

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Your Congressman, The Honorable Daniel J. Flood, has told me about the centennial celebrations which you are organising in the borough of Avoca, and I wish to convey my heartiest congratulations to the borough on reaching its 100th birthday and the hope that it will continue to flourish in the future.

I am very acquainted with the village of Avoca, County Wicklow, Ireland, and I have some friends there. In my childhood days my parents brought me to Avoca nearly every year for our summer vacation and I have happy memories of those times. Avoca is situated in a district renowned for its scenic beauty and the poet, Thomas Moore, composed the song "Sweet Vale of Avoca" in its honour. This song is sometimes known as "The Meeting of the Waters", because the Owenmore and the Owenbeg unite there to form the single river Avoca which flows into the Irish Sea at Arklow.

I wish the borough and its inhabitants every blessing now and always.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

William Warnock
Ambassador of Ireland

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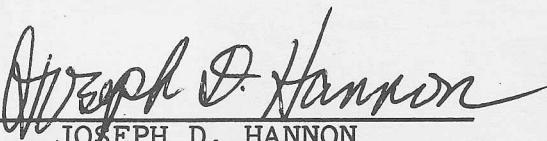
MAY 30, 1971

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Avoca Borough Centennial Association, I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make our "Centennial" such an outstanding success.

The residents of Avoca can look back with pride and satisfaction on the last One Hundred Years. We can all thank God for blessing us in so many ways.

Tonight is a night of grateful appreciation and fond remembrances for our families and friends who have lived and died in our Town.

May the next One Hundred Years be just as grand and glorious.


JOSEPH D. HANNON
MAYOR OF AVOCA

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United States Senate
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 11, 1971

Honorable Joseph D. Hannon
Mayor of Borough of Avoca
Avoca Centennial Association
P. O. Box 121
Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641

Dear Mayor Hannon:

Allow me to add my congratulations to the many honoring the Borough of Avoca on the observance of its 100th Anniversary.

My best wishes to you in all the planned activities and for a very successful Centennial Celebration.

Sincerely,

Dick Schweiker

Richard S. Schweiker
United States Senator

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HUGH SCOTT
PENNSYLVANIA

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 3, 1971

Honorable Joseph D. Hannon
Mayor, Borough of Avoca
Luzerne County
P.O. Box 121
Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641

Dear Mayor Hannon:

Allow me to extend to you my warm greetings and hearty congratulations on Avoca's 100th Anniversary. I sincerely hope that the next one hundred years may be rich and happy ones for your community as well.

One hundred years span a great length of time in the history of every nation. This is especially true of one as young as ours. In these modern times, we must never abandon this history which can serve us all as a reminder of the great deeds of the past and as inspiration for the future.

Avoca has an interesting history itself. Located in the junction of the Lackawanna and Wyoming Valleys, did you know this charming town was originally named Pleasant Valley? And although the name has been changed, the aura remains.

Again let me congratulate the Avoca Centennial Association and all of the citizens of Avoca on this great anniversary occasion. I am sorry that I will not be present for the celebration, but I assure you that you all have my best wishes for a happy anniversary and many years of growth and progress.

Hugh Scott
Hugh Scott
U. S. Senator



JOSEPH D. HANNON
Honorary Chairman

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Oldest Citizen — 95 Years



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Mrs. Pauline Bartush
Mrs. Mary Boyd
Mrs. Louise Burba
Mrs. Catherine Brennan
Mrs. Angela Buza

Bolek Cieless
Edward T. Carey
Joseph Cieless

Margery Durloo
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Mrs. Anna Jones
Mrs. Francis Jackson
Margaret Morton Johnson

Mrs. Ellen Kane
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Krempa

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Paul Lokuta
Belle Loughrey
Mrs. Mary Llewellyn
Mrs. Lil Lidy
Elizabeth Loux
Mrs. Laura Luvender

Thomas Morton
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Ruth Morton
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Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pietras

Jule Quinn

Mrs. Amy Roberts
Thomas Reap

Mrs. Anna Scobb
Bolek Sinila
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H. L. Sanders

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Margaret Tighe

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Mrs. John C. Waters
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
HARRISBURG

ERNEST P. KLINE
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

April 22, 1971

Honorable Joseph D. Hannon
Mayor of Avoca
Avoca Centennial Association
P. O. Box 121
Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641

Dear Mayor Hannon:

I extend to you and all of the citizens of Avoca my very best wishes on the occasion of your Centennial Celebration.

I have had the opportunity to visit your community and to meet many of its citizens. I have been impressed by their warmth and genuine interest in the activities of state government.

I am certain that your celebration will be successful and it is a privilege for me to add my good wishes.

Sincerely,

ERNEST P. KLINE

EPK:pb

14TH DISTRICT
MARTIN L. MURRAY
34 MARY STREET
ASHLEY, PA. 18706



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Senate of Pennsylvania

April 28, 1971

Mayor Joseph D. Hannon
Honorary Chairman
Avoca Centennial Association
P. O. Box 121
Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641

Dear Mayor Hannon:

My very sincere congratulations to Avoca Borough on its 100th Birthday. Your community has accomplished much through the years and has every reason to enter its second century with a great deal of pride.

Knowing the borough and its people as well as I do, I am confident that the Centennial celebration will be a complete success.

Again, my congratulations.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Murray
President Pro Tempore

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CENTENNIAL COIN COMMITTEE

Left to right: Seated—Mrs. James J. Walsh, Mrs. Thomas Morell. Standing—First Row—Miss Regina Mish, Miss Serilyn Morell, Mrs. James Corcoran. Second Row—Leo Murphy, Cornelius McLaughlin, William Romanowski, Edward Murdock and John Jones.



BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH AND SISTERS OF THE BELLES COMMITTEE

Left to Right—Mary Janet Gilroy, Mrs. Raymond McAndrew, Mary Collins, William McAndrew, Raymond McAndrew and Joseph Renzi.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 11, 1971

The Honorable Joseph Hannon
Honorary Chairman
Avoca Centennial Committee
Avoca, Pennsylvania, 18641

Dear Mayor Hannon:

It is a pleasure to join with your citizens in observing the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Avoca. This is an important occasion and a time which should prompt reflection on what has been achieved thus far and what your goals for the future should be.

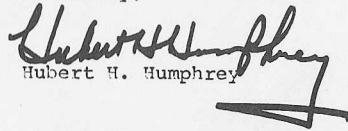
Small communities throughout America are confronted with tremendous challenge at this time--the challenge of offering the quality of life to its citizens which will encourage them to stay in the less populated areas of our country rather than migrating to already overcrowded cities.

I am chairing the Subcommittee on Rural Development which has this problem as its prime concern. The ideas and recommendations of your citizens would be helpful to us.

I hope your anniversary observance will be a success and that you give my greetings and congratulations to all.

With my best wishes.

Sincerely,


Hubert H. Humphrey

EDMUND S. MUSKIE
MAINE

United States Senate

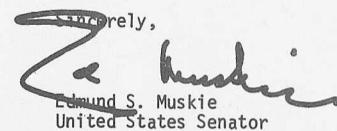
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 29, 1971

Dear Mayor Hannon:

My good friend Congressman Dan Flood has told me of your upcoming celebration of the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Avoca. The people of Pennsylvania and of Avoca have played a great role in this most exciting and important century of human history. I congratulate you and the people of Avoca on this milestone in Avoca's history.

I wish I could be with you to help share in this commemoration of your anniversary. I send my best wishes for the years to come.


Edmund S. Muskie
United States Senator

Honorable Joseph D. Hannon
Honorary Chairman
Avoca Centennial Association
Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641



STOCK CERTIFICATE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Joseph Shemansky, Mrs. Mathilda Jacek, Mrs. Ray McDonald, Sr., Mrs. Blanche Thomas, Mrs. John Boone, Mrs. Michael Carroll, Mrs. Thomas Thomas Morell, Mrs. John Boone, Mrs. William Thomas, Mrs. Paul Kostiak, Mrs. Michael J. O'Brien, Miss Jean Robbins, Miss Ruth Gallagher, Mrs. Edward Cronin, Mrs. Al Jumper, Miss Serilyn Morell.



PARADE COMMITTEE

Helene Oliver, Mary O'Brien, John Jones, Joseph Lyons, Alfred Moore, Walter Volch, Joe Casper.

EDWARD M. KENNEDY
MASSACHUSETTS

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 27, 1971

Honorable Joseph D. Hannon
Honorary Chairman
Avoca Centennial Association
Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641

Dear Mayor Hannon,

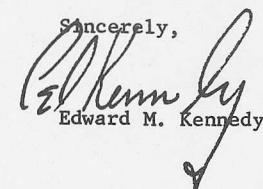
Congratulations to you and all of the residents of Avoca on the occasion of the observance of your centennial anniversary.

The people of Avoca can take pride in what has been accomplished over the past 100 years, in helping to make it the fine community that it is.

I recall well the friendship and support you and the residents of Avoca extended to the Kennedy family over the years, and I wish that it were possible for me to join you personally in your celebration.

Good luck in the years ahead.

Sincerely,


Edward M. Kennedy

ROBERT P. CASEY
AUDITOR GENERAL



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Auditor General
Harrisburg 17120

April 26, 1971

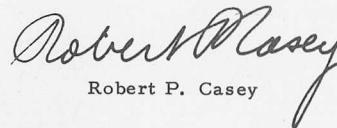
Joseph D. Hannon, Mayor
c/o Avoca Centennial Association
P.O. Box 121
Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641

Dear Mayor Hannon:

It is with great pleasure that I write to express my congratulations and best wishes to you and to the residents of Avoca on the occasion of your Centennial celebration.

The past one hundred years have been rich in history and tradition, and residents of the Borough of Avoca have distinguished themselves in many fields over the years. Speaking not only as a State official, but as one who has personal and family ties with your Borough, I want to extend personal best wishes on this happy occasion, together with my wish for continuing good health and happiness for all of the residents of one of the finest communities in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,


Robert P. Casey

RPC/dmq



CLERGY OF AVOCA CHURCHES

Left to right: Seated—Rev. P. Zardecki, Pastor St. Peter & Paul Church; Miss Bertha Dommermuth and Miss Ruth Shippey, Co-Pastors Full Gospel Chapel; Monsignor Joseph A. Griffin, Pastor St. Mary's Church. Standing—Rev. Richard Wenzel, Pastor Bethel United Methodist Church; Rev. Austin Flanagan, Asst. Pastor, St. Mary's; Rev. James Glasgow, Pastor, Langcliffe Presbyterian Church; Rev. James Lumsden, Pastor, St. John's Primitive Methodist church was unable to be present.



ECUMENICAL CHOIR

The Ecumenical Choir composed of members of the six churches, directed by George Sledzinski, Willard Baldauf and Sister Ann Teresa McArdle. Accompanists, Mrs. William Dunstone and Jesse Hughes.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office
HARRISBURG

April 29, 1971

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The Honorable Joseph D. Hannon
Mayor of Avoca
Avoca Centennial Association
P. O. Box 121
Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641

Dear Mayor Hannon:

On behalf of Governor Milton J. Shapp may I thank you for your invitation to attend the Centennial Celebration on either May 23 or May 30, 1971.

The Governor has been working about 15 hours a day from Monday to Friday and as a result tries to keep his weekends free so that he can visit with his family and recuperate from the rigors of the week. I know that you will understand why he must decline your kind invitation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Julian N. Rothman".

Julian N. Rothman
Appointment Secretary
to the Governor

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LUZERNE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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ETHEL A. PRICE



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Luzerne County
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA
VALLEY CREST
LUZERNE COUNTY INSTITUTION DISTRICT
ROUTE 115, PLAINS TOWNSHIP □ WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA 18702

May 11, 1971

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Mayor of Avoca
Honorary Chairman
Avoca Centennial Association
Avoca, Pennsylvania 18641

Dear Mayor Hannon,

May I offer my sincere congratulations to you and the Avoca residents on the coming observance of your centennial anniversary.

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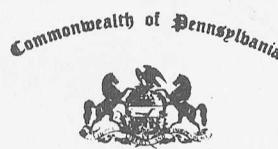
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Be assured of our deep feeling for the town of Avoca and its residents.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Gerald F. Malloy". Below the signature, the text "Administrator" is printed.

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Governor's Office
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Julian N. Rothman
Appointment Secretary
to the Governor

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May 11, 1971

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Gerald F. Malloy
Administrator

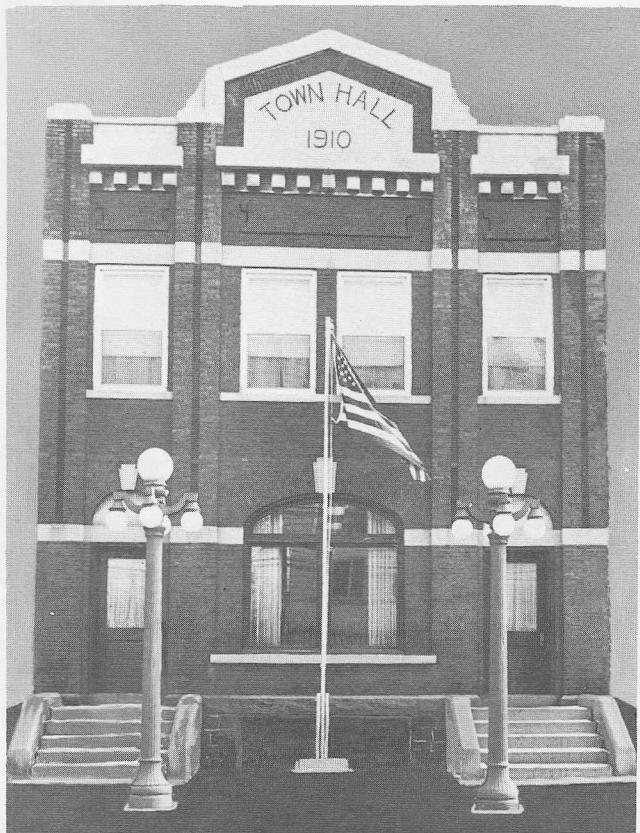
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An Overview Of Avoca Borough's FIRST HUNDRED YEARS

By

JOHN A. DONOVAN

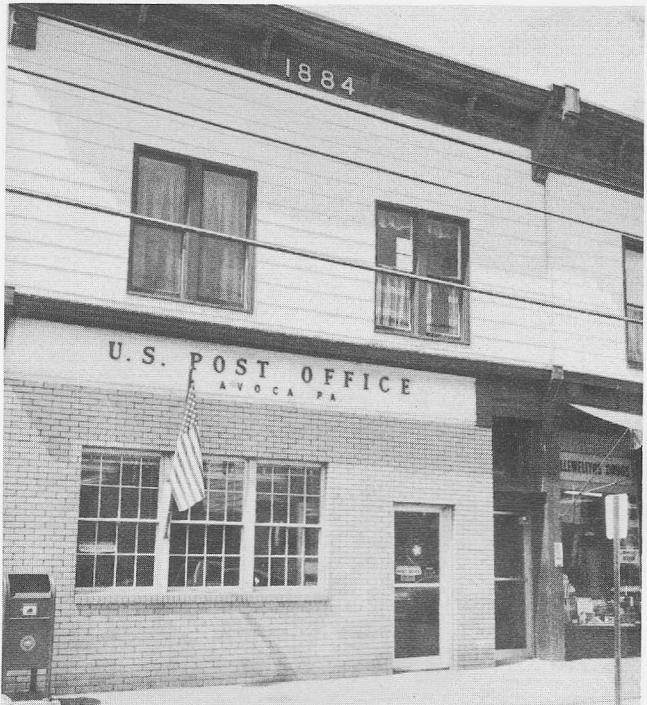
It was on May 24, 1871, that Avoca Borough—then known as Pleasant Valley—was officially incorporated. Originally part of large and sprawling Pittston Township, the new borough was governed by a three-man borough council. P. B. Brehony served as Pleasant Valley's first council president; Robert Reed and George Lampman were the other two councilmen.



Strategically situated — approximately three miles from Pittston and approximately seven miles from Scranton—in the northern part of Luzerne County adjacent to the Lackawanna County Line, Pleasant Valley was (virtually from its beginning) a prosperous and thriving little community. In the early 1870's, for example, Pleasant Valley already contained within its borders: four railroads, four churches, a board of trade, and a fire company. An early manufacturer in the community was Albert

McAlpine, who manufactured half-bushel and peck measures in his West Avoca plant. Martin Reap, who built a grocery store in 1871, is considered to be the borough's first merchant. In the 1870's the Pittston merchants Law and McMillan are also credited with establishing and operating a branch store at Marr—the northern section of Avoca borough near the Duryea line. The hub, of course, of the borough's economy in the early 1870's was the then rapidly developing Anthracite Coal Industry, which served as the prime source of employment for most Pleasant Valley families.

Prior to 1871, postal service for residents of Pleasant Valley was provided by the Pittston Post Office. However, in April of 1871, a Pleasant Valley Postal Branch was established. Joseph McMillan was appointed postmaster, and Andrew L. Flock



was named mail carrier. The Pleasant Valley branch of the Pittston Post Office originally was called the Marr Post Office in deference to Joseph H. Marr, who at that time was chief clerk in the office of the United States Postmaster General.

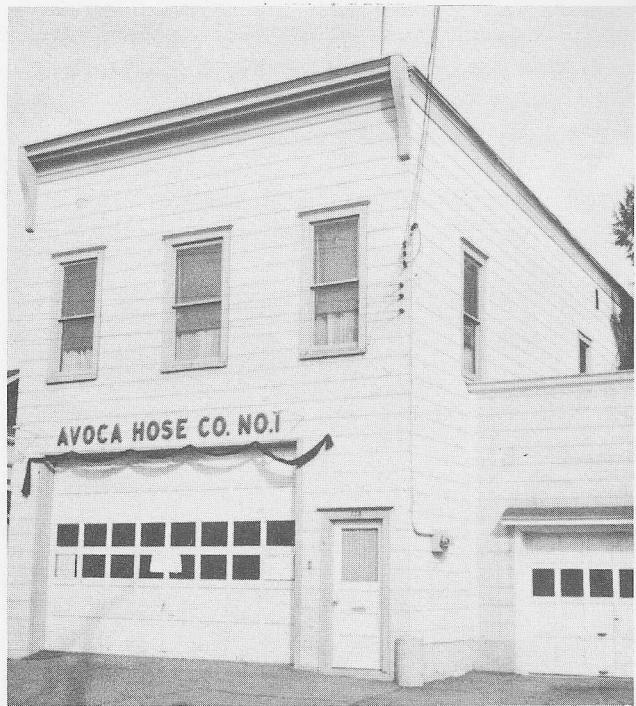
In fact, the Pleasant Valley branch continued to be known as the Marr Post Office until 1889, when a number of residents of Pleasant Valley—who wished to have the postal facility more centrally located—petitioned the United States postal authorities to have the location of the post office changed. However, because there was already a borough in Pennsylvania called Pleasant Valley, their request was rejected. Undaunted by the rejection the determined petitioners then turned to the Luzerne County Court and requested that the borough's name be changed from Pleasant Valley to Avoca. The court of Quarter Sessions complied with the request, and Pleasant Valley became Avoca. Unfortunately, however, through the years a persistent but erroneous impression has been perpetuated that the name Avoca was selected in reference to the infamous Mud Run Disaster—the Lehigh Valley Railroad train wreck of October 10, 1888, which claimed the lives of thirty-seven residents. Actually, this story can be easily discounted by the fact that the charter granted to the hose company in September, 1887, thirteen months before the Mud Run Disaster stated that: "This organization will be known as the Avoca Hose Company of Pleasant Valley."

In the late nineteenth century, among the outstanding events and institutions which played prominent parts in the growth of Pleasant Valley were the erection of three school buildings, the chartering of the Avoca Hose Company No. 1, and the construction of four churches: the Langcliffe Presbyterian (1870), Saint Mary's Roman Catholic (1874), Saint John's Primitive Methodist (1877), and the Bethel Methodist (1878).

In 1869, two years before Pleasant Valley was officially chartered, the community's first school building—the Number One School—was constructed on Main Street; four years later, to accommodate children from West Avoca, a second school building—the Number Two School—was built on Packer Street. Shortly after that a third school building—the Number Three School—was erected on Plane Street.

Perhaps the most civic endeavor undertaken by the citizens of Pleasant Valley during the late nineteenth century was the organization of Avoca Hose Company No. 1. It was not until 1886 when a representative number of Pleasant Valley citizens became sufficiently alarmed about the borough's lack of adequate fire-fighting resources that serious efforts were made to organize a fire-fighting company. Consequently, at a meeting held in J. H. Anderson's store, in June, 1886, the Avoca Hose Company No. 1 was organized, and the following officers were elected: G. M. Snyder, president;

J. H. Anderson, secretary; W. H. Hollister, treasurer; F. F. Dommermuth, foreman.



The foresight displayed by those responsible for organizing the Hose Company was evident almost immediately. For during the first decade of its existence, Avoca Hose Company No. 1 rendered many valuable and rewarding services to the people of the borough: tens of thousands of dollars worth of property were protected, lives were saved, and insurance rates were reduced. However, the new hose company was not without problems. The most serious, perhaps, was finances. In its early years, the Avoca Hose Company No. 1 was funded primarily by a series of hose company conducted fairs: "The International Bazaar", held May 24-27, 1887, raised one thousand two hundred dollars. The following year a hose company sponsored carnival realized a profit of three hundred and ninety-one dollars. "The Fair of the Season", conducted October 21-23 showed a profit of nine hundred and twenty-five dollars.

The religious needs of the early residents of Pleasant Valley were not neglected either. For between the years 1870 and 1878 no fewer than four churches were erected in the borough. The first of these was the Langcliffe Presbyterian Church, which was built on Main Street in 1870. The ground on which the church was constructed was donated to the parish by two members of its congregation—Mr. John Dawson and Mr. Robert Brown. The church was named Langcliffe in honor of and at the request of Mr. Dawson. Langcliffe was the name of the Dawson estate in England. In 1871 the Reverend A. S. Stewart was invested as the church's

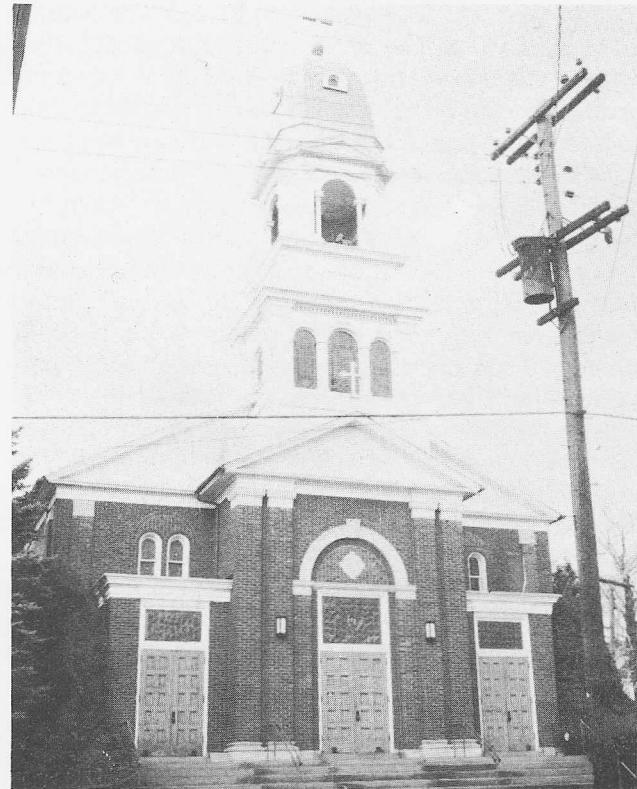
first pastor. The Langcliffe Congregation conducted services at the Langcliffe Church from 1871 to 1898, when on Easter Sunday morning, 1898, a disasterous fire completely destroyed the church. Forced to improvise by the loss of their church, the Langcliffe Congregation accepted the offer of the Avoca Hood and Awning Company officials to conduct church services at the Avoca Hood and Awning Company factory. Subsequently, church services were conducted regularly at the Hood and Awning facility from 1898 to April 3, 1910, when the present church was dedicated.



Prior to the incorporation of Pleasant Valley in 1871, the religious needs of Irish Catholic families in the borough were met by the priest assigned to Saint John's Parish in Pittston. However, as the number of catholic families in the community increased, the need for establishing a parish in Pleasant Valley became increasingly evident. Consequently, on July 13, 1871, Saint Mary's Parish was founded. Shortly afterwards, plans were made to build a church. Allegedly, at the outset, progress on the new church was slow; nevertheless, construction was finally completed in the early part of July, 1874. On July 26, 1874, the Most Reverend William

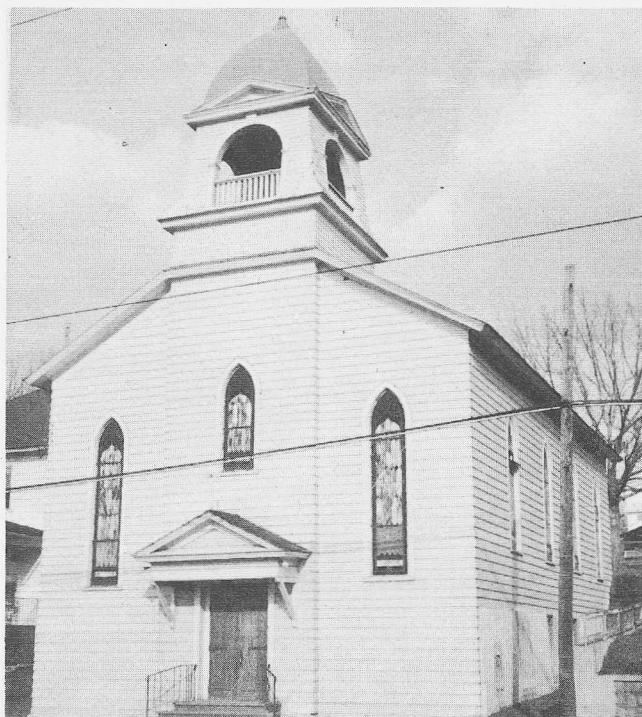


ST. MARY'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL



O'Hara, Bishop of the Scranton Diocese, officially dedicated the new church. The Reverend Michael F. Crane was appointed Saint Mary's first pastor.

Saint John's Primitive Methodist Church was dedicated in 1877. A small group of Pleasant Valley Christians, who had been holding meetings intermittently in each others homes, decided in 1871 to organize and to call themselves Primitive Methodists. They purchased a lot on Church Street in



West Avoca, from Mr. Lacoë of Pittston, president of the Lacoë Coal Company. Originally, the church group intended to build a church on the lot. However, before the money was raised for the erection of the church, it became most obvious that in the near future, the center of community life would be located on the East side of the borough. Consequently, a committee of parishioners approached Mr. Lacoë and requested that the deed be transferred to a lot in that section. Mr. Lacoë condescended to the request, and the ground on which the present church and Manse now stands was deeded to the newly formed Primitive Methodist Church of Pleasant Valley. The church was not built, however, until December 1877, when it was formally dedicated and named Saint John's Primitive Methodist Church of Pleasant Valley. The Reverend Henry G. Russell was appointed the church's first pastor.

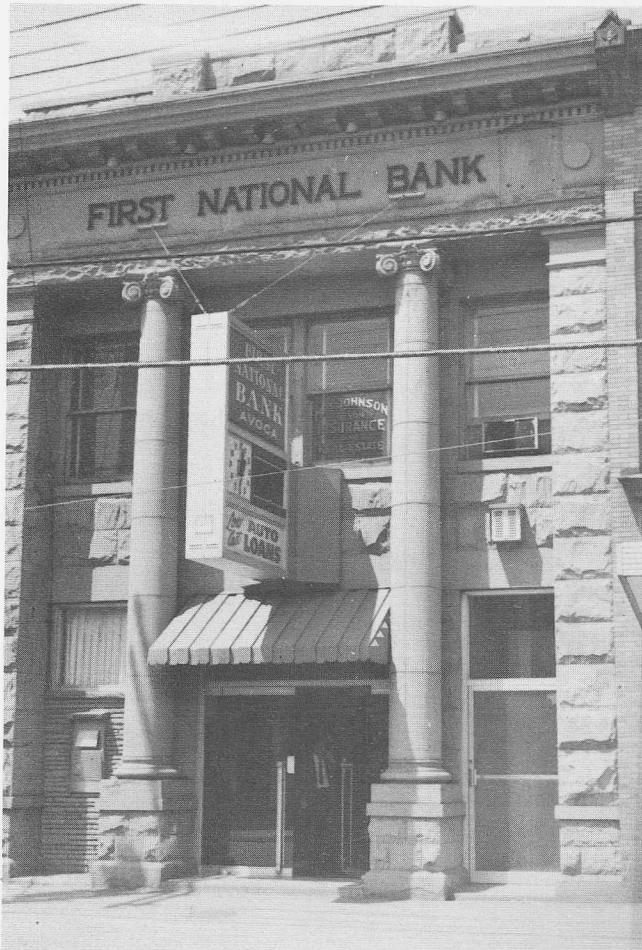
The fourth church to be built in Pleasant Valley during the 1870's was the Bethel Methodist Church. The first Bethel Methodist Church was built on Main Street in 1878. However, in April, 1880, a new Charge, which merged the Pleasant Valley



and Hughestown Congregations, was formed; and the Reverend Charles H. Sochett was appointed pastor. Unfortunately, the Pleasant Valley-Hughestown merger was short-lived; for it was dissolved two years later—in 1882. Apparently, from 1880 to 1889, membership in the church increased rapidly because church records reveal that in the summer of 1889, plans were formulated to build a larger church. The local contracting firm of Sales and Dummermuth were awarded the building contract. Less than a year later—May 18, 1890—the new church was formally dedicated.

As the nineteenth century drew to a close, Avoca Borough was already a thriving and brist-

ling community. The official United States Census of 1900 revealed that 3,487 people were already residing in the borough; furthermore, there was every indication that the borough would continue to grow and to prosper. The need for a bank was already very evident as Avoca Borough moved into the twentieth century. Consequently, it was on December 26, 1905, that a small group of prominent Avoca citizens met at J. H. Anderson's grocery



store on Main Street to discuss the possibility of organizing a town bank. When the meeting adjourned, agreement was reached upon the following: A bank would be organized in the borough; it would be named the First National Bank of Avoca; the bank would have a capital of fifty thousand dollars, accumulated by selling five hundred shares of stock at one hundred dollars a share, and a surplus of ten thousand dollars, accumulated by assessing each share twenty dollars.

From the time of the first meeting in 1905 until the bank officially opened in 1907, most of the subsequent meetings were held at O'Malley's Hall on Main Street. Newspaper reports of a meeting held at O'Malley's Hall on October 6, 1906, indicates that there was not total agreement among the principals: there was some factionalism among those

interested in establishing the bank. However, compromise was eventually effected by the dissentients, and eventually a committee was appointed to select bank directors. The following directors were subsequently appointed: Messrs. J. H. Anderson, T.G., Brown, Harry Friend, Max Gross, W.H. Hollister, Edward Laird, John McLaughlin, M. J. Murphy, E. L. Snyder, T. F. Ward, and Dr. H. W. Berge. Later, by acclamation, the new directors elected John F. McLaughlin, president; and W. H. Hollister, Vice-president.

After the election of officers, progress was rapid. Although several sights for the building were considered, the present sight was purchased from E. L. Snyder, and construction of the bank followed shortly afterwards. Less than six months after the various contracts were awarded the First National Bank of Avoca officially opened its doors on Monday morning, April 1, 1907.

It was not until April, 1909, that a Polish Roman Catholic Parish was established in Avoca Borough. Church records reveal that the Reverend L. Ziemianski was appointed pastor of the new Saint Peter and Paul's Parish on April 1, 1909. During the pastorate of Reverend Ziemianski, the church



served parishioners from Avoca and from the Houston City section of Pittston Township. It was in 1920, during the pastorate of the Reverend Casimer Krzywicki, that the parish built a rectory on Vine Street. During the early and late 1920's, Saint Peter and Paul's Parish grew steadily, and by 1930 the need for a new church was evident. It was in 1932, during the pastorate of the Reverend S. J. Cituk, that the old edifice on the corner of Vine and Main Streets was dismantled, and the present church was constructed.

Historically, at the conclusion of World War I, the economy of the United States was on the verge of entering an era of unparalleled prosperity. The

significant increases in population and in economic prosperity that was literally sweeping the country during the "Roaring Twenties" was, of course, reflected to some degree in Avoca Borough. For the official United States Census of 1920 revealed that 4,950 people were then residing in the borough. It was in the borough schools in particular, in the early 1920's, that the population increase was most saliently discernible. For instance, in order to accommodate the heavy enrollment at the Number Three Building on Plane Street, the school district was forced to initiate half day sessions. Consequently, as the enrollment in the schools continued to increase during the Mid-Twenties the need for a



new four-year high school building became almost critical. Cognizant of this, the Avoca School Board in January, 1925, resolved to construct a new high school building. It was not until the April meeting of the Avoca Board of Education that the architectural firm of Austin Rielly was retained to formulate plans for the construction of the new school building. At the Board meeting, July 31, 1925, building contracts were awarded. Shortly afterwards, construction of the new high school building began. In September, 1926, the new high school building was opened; and Mr. Thomas R. Dixon was appointed high school principal.

It was not until the late summer of 1931, that a group of ex-servicemen from the borough met at the Avoca Borough Building to finalize plans to organize an American Legion Post in conjunction with the National American Legion. The motion of Joseph Harding, local mail carrier, that the new Post be named the McPhillips-Widdall Post in honor of Bernard McPhillips and Harry Widdall—Avoca residents who lost their lives in World War I was unanimously carried. At a subsequent meeting held in November, 1931, William Murtha was elected as the Post's first commander.

During the depression-marked 1930's, the

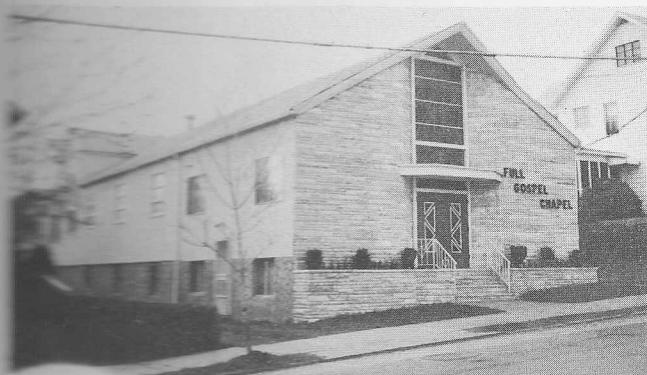
McPhillips-Widdall Post was actively engaged in many civic as well as athletic endeavors. For example, the Post's Employment Committee was active trying to find employment for the town's many unemployed residents. Athletically, in the early 30's, the Post's athletic committee sponsored the annual high school track meets. Also, during the early years of the depression, classes in first aid were among the activities sponsored by the McPhillips-Widdall Post.

In November, 1939, that the McPhillips-Widdall Post, 607, Memorial Building—located on the corner of Main and Hawthorne Streets—was



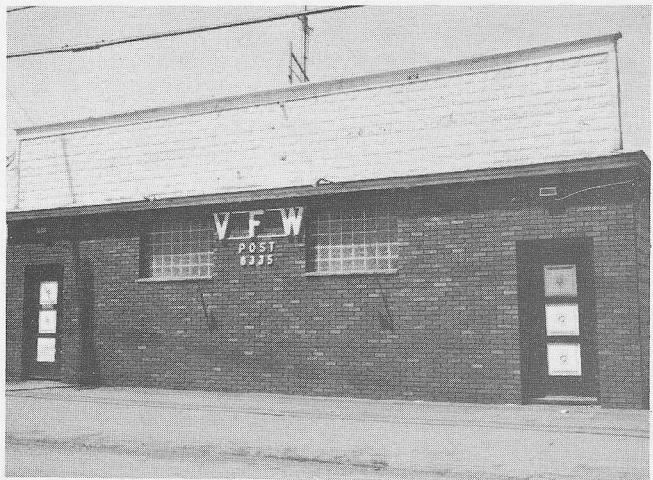
officially and appropriately dedicated. "The Legion Building" (a misnomer still commonly used in referring to the facility) became the base for a wide variety of World War II activities that were conducted by the McPhillips-Widdall Post: Shortly after the war broke out, an honor roll containing the names of borough residents serving in the Armed Forces was erected in the front of the building. Early in the war, the Post hosted farewell parties in honor of departing servicemen. Later, however, the farewell parties were discontinued, and departing servicemen were given—as tokens of appreciation in lieu of a party—packages containing such articles as cigarettes, razor blades, etc.

It was in 1941 that the latest of the borough's six churches—the Full Gospel Chapel—was officially dedicated. Although the Full Gospel's Congregation was without a church until 1941, its origin



actually parallels the founding of Pleasant Valley—in 1871. At that time, a small group of borough residents of English descent began holding prayer meetings at the home of James Hastie, who resided on Main Street. The prayer meetings were held regularly at the home of Mr. Hastie until his death in 1891. After Mr. Hastie's death, the prayer meetings were conducted by Mr. Hastie's daughter—Mary Hastie. When Mary Hastie died in 1940, Miss Bertha Dommermuth and Miss Ruth Shippey, the present co-pastors of the Full Gospel Chapel, continued with the services.

Another service organization that has, through the years, contributed to the social and civic progress of Avoca Borough is the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8335. Organized shortly after World War II by a group of Avoca Veterans, the "VFW's" club rooms were originally located in the Casey Building in West Avoca. Robert B. Kania served



as the Post's first commander. "VFW" meetings were held in the Casey Building until 1952, when the post club rooms were moved to the Tighe Building on Grove Street in central Avoca. In 1953, the Post rooms were moved to their present site on Main Street.

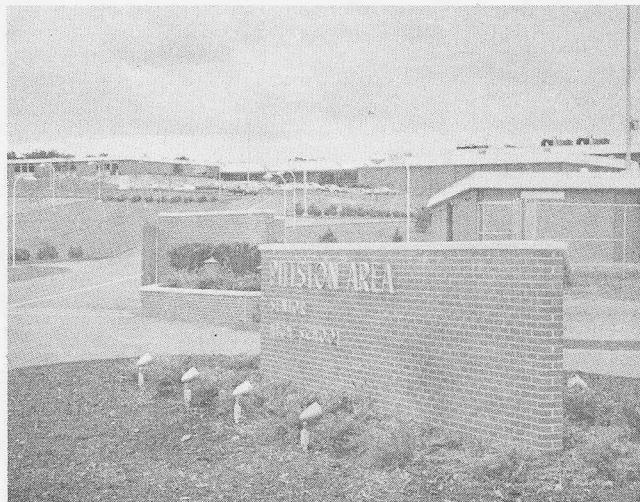
Officially chartered on October 2, 1946, the "VFW" has been from its beginning, civic-oriented; it has through the years, lent its support—at one time or other—to virtually every civic project in the borough. In its early years, the "VFW" sponsored Easter egg hunts for children were an annual affair. When the Avoca Little League was organized in 1950, the "VFW" was one of the original sponsors. Through the years, the Post has continued to sponsor a team in the six-team league which has functioned—without interruption—in the borough for the last twenty years.

Perhaps the most significant single event that occurred in Avoca Borough during the late 1940's

was the construction of the Wilkes-Barre—Scranton Airport. In retrospect, there is little doubt that both the prestige and the image of the community were immeasurably enhanced by the fact that Avoca Borough was the site selected for the construction of the airport facility. Unfortunately, however, the late 1940's will also be remembered by some people as the "beginning of the end" for the Anthracite Coal Industry. For in the late 1940's, Avoca Borough—along with other communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania—was beginning to feel the pressures of an economic recession that was the direct result of the precipitous decline in the Anthracite Coal market that followed World War II.

In the wake of the declining market, some coal companies were forced to close; others drastically reduced their work forces. Consequently, in the early 1950's, the evidence was becoming unmistakably clear that the Anthracite Coal Industry, which had reached unprecedented production peaks during the war years, was inextricably caught in the tongs of what proved to be an irreversible trend. In light of this, many residents of the borough were forced to leave the community for employment elsewhere. The exodus that prevailed during the 1950's was graphically and significantly reflected in the official United States Census of 1960, which revealed that the population of Avoca Borough was 3,552—the borough's lowest official population figure of the twentieth century.

In the May Primaries of 1962, the residents of Avoca, Duryea, Dupont, Pittston Township, Hughestown, Yatesville and Jenkins Township boroughs overwhelmingly approved a referendum to form a school merger. The new merger, which went into effect in July, 1962, was called the Northeast School District. However, the Northeast School District was destined to be short-lived; for



in 1966, by virtue of a mandate issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction the Northeast School District was merged with the Pittston City School District. The new merger is called the Pittston Area School District.

It was in December, 1969, that Mayor James J. McLane, who had been Avoca Borough's chief executive for more than twenty years, died. Mayor McLane, who was one of the most respected and popular mayors in the Commonwealth, was succeeded by our present mayor, Joseph D. Hannon.

At the present time, as Avoca Borough begins its second century, its future appears bright. "King Coal", the economy catalyst of 1871, of course, no longer reigns supreme. Today, with many new and diversified industries locating in the area, there is every reason to believe that in the future the people of Avoca Borough will have no reason to leave the community in search of better economic opportunities elsewhere and will, therefore, be better able to use their talents and their skills to help build a better and more prosperous Avoca.



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Thomas R. Gallagher, Avoca Blood Bank Chairman, accepting an award for the people of Avoca from Mrs. James Connor, Executive Secretary of the Pittston Office, Wyoming Valley Chapter, American Red Cross, for their outstanding and sustained effort in providing for the needy of the town. Mayor Joseph Hannon is an interested observer.



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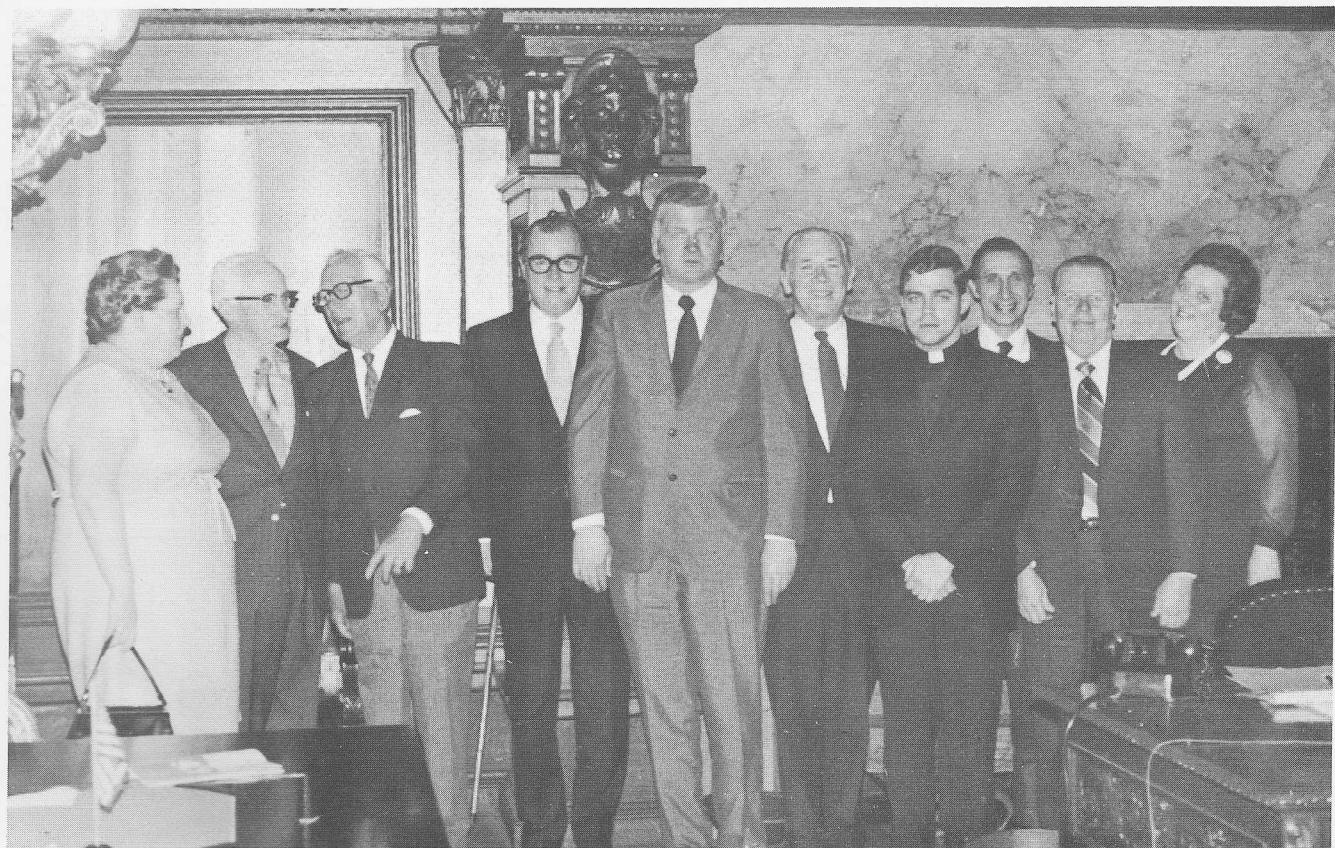
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WITH GOVERNOR SHAPP

Left to Right: Seated—The Late Representative James Musto, Governor Milton Shapp, Mayor Joseph D. Hannon. Standing—Anthony Cali, Gwen Cronin, Rev. Austin Flannagan, John Coffee, Senator Martin Murray, Dorine Blackwell, Edward Carroll and Thomas R. Gallagher.



COMMITTEE WITH THE LATE REPRESENTATIVE JAMES MUSTO AND SENATOR MARTIN MURRAY

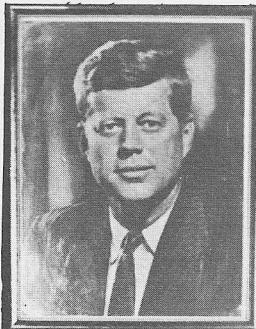
Left to Right—Dorine Blackwell, Thomas R. Gallagher, The Late Representative James Musto, Senator Martin Murray, Mayor Joseph D. Hannon, Edward M. Carroll, Rev. Austin Flannagan, Anthony Cali, John Coffee and Gwen Cronin.



COMMITTEE WITH BISHOP McCORMACK

The Executive Committee visiting Bishop J. Carroll McCormack. *Left to right:* Seated—Mayor Joseph D. Hannon and Bishop McCormack. Standing—Edward M. Carroll, Thomas R. Gallagher, Dorine Blackwell and John Coffee.

**Borough Council
Pays Respect
To The Memory Of
PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY**



The Avoca Borough Council met in special session, in loving memory of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., Saturday, November 23, 1963 in the Borough Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hannon, all members were present on roll call.

Mr. Hannon read the following statement.

"The Avoca Borough Council wishes to extend its sincere and heartfelt grief on this monstrous tragedy. The shameful and diabolical murder of this great and good man is beyond all human comprehension. We loved him as our President and we will always be proud and grateful that he was our leader. To Mrs. Kennedy, the children and the Kennedy

Family we extend our deepest sympathy. May our Blessed Lord grant to the Soul of President Kennedy eternal rest."

Mr. McGowan moved that the council express its grief and sympathy. The motion was seconded by all present. The motion passed.

Chairman Hannon announced that arrangements had been made with Monsignor Jeffrey for the Council to have a mass for the repose of the Soul of President Kennedy on Monday, November 25, 1963 at 8:00 A.M. in Saint Mary's. The Council will attend in a body.

As a further mark of respect to our late President Mr. Boone moved that the Council do now adjourn. The motion was seconded by all present, the motion passed and the Council adjourned.

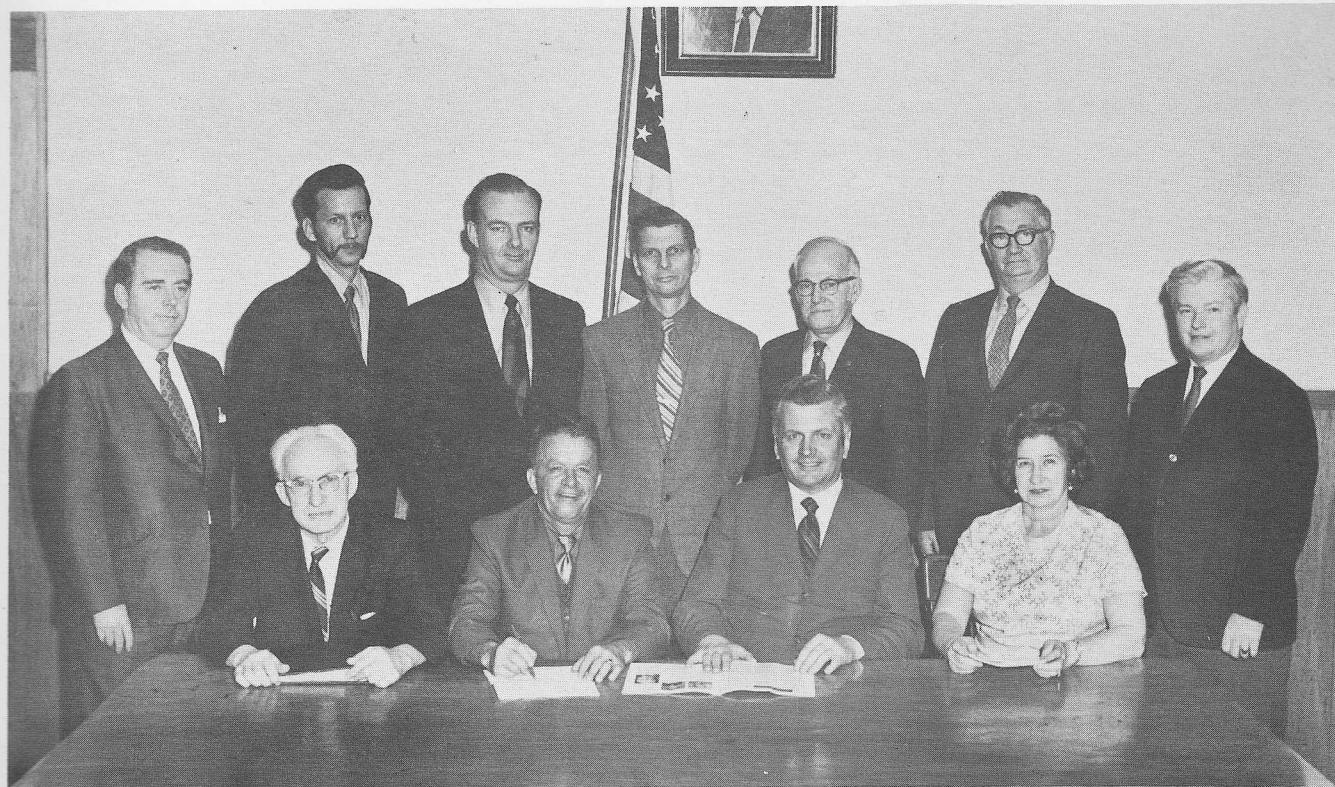
*Joseph D. Hannon
President*

*Robert Pollard
Secretary*



Mayor Joseph Hannon, James Timlin and Leo Murphy at the grave of President John F. Kennedy in Arlington Cemetery. Bobby Kennedy kneeling at his brother's grave.

WIDE WORLD PHOTOS



AVOCA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Left to Right: Seated—Secretary Thomas R. Gallagher, Chairman Andrew Wilk, Mayor Joseph D. Hannon and Vice-Chairman Irene McDonald. Standing—Solicitor Joseph M. Reardon, John O'Brien, Frank Fuller, Stanley Halagarda, David Jeffrey, James Timlin and George Mullen.



AVOCA POLICE FORCE

Left to right: Patrolman Michael Dessoye, Captain William Thomas, Chief of Police Robert George, Patrolman Alex Coleman, Patrolman Peter Bekenich.



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John Kevra, Vice-President

Franklin Pollard, Secretary

Joseph Miller, Treasurer

Donald Semyon, Financial Secretary

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Harry Spencer

Foreman

Joe Miller

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Chris VanLuvender, Sr.

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Paul McIntyre

Frank Vincek

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Walter Tigue, *Past President*

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Walter Kiesinger

William Kiesinger

Joseph Dills

Robert Matthews

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Leo Pucilowski

John Pucilowski

Edward Murdoch

William Spencer

Lloyd Snyder

Howard Shaffer

William Smerdon

Merle Craig

Henry Powell

Clyde Oliver

Jack Tibbett

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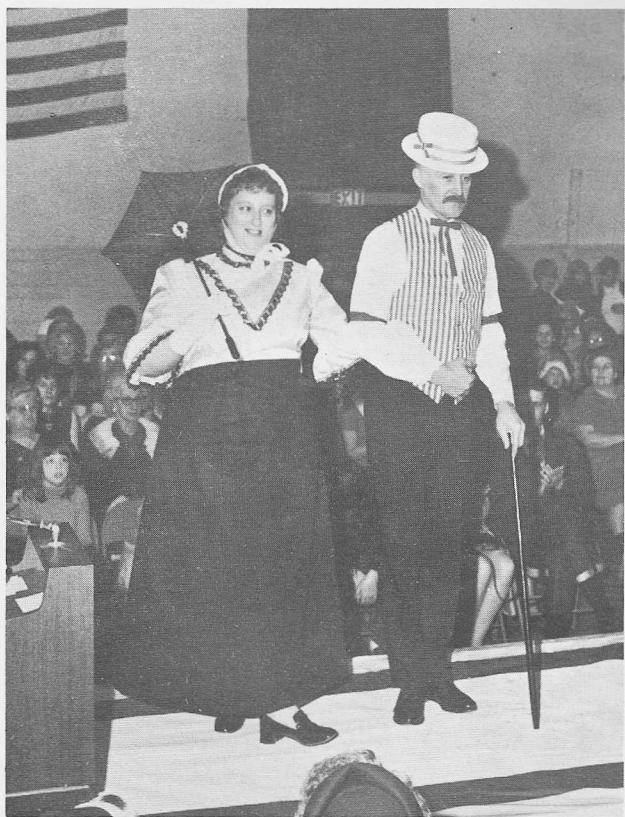
Julius Homschek

William McIntyre

FASHION SHOW



Mary Collins and Joe Lyons.



Gwen Cronin and Al Jumper.



Mrs. Harold Davies, Mrs. James J. Walsh,
Mrs. Edward Jennings and Mrs. Robert Decker.



Emily Exter



Mrs. Dorothy Welter and Edward Murdock.



Mona Tansley and Andy Wilk.



Joe Shandra, Linda Collins, Al Jumper, Beth Cronin and Edward Murdock.



Sherilyn Morrell and Joe Goul.

FASHION SHOW



Elaine McHugh, Carole Shemansky and Nancy Gallagher.



Theresa Burns and Andrew Wilk



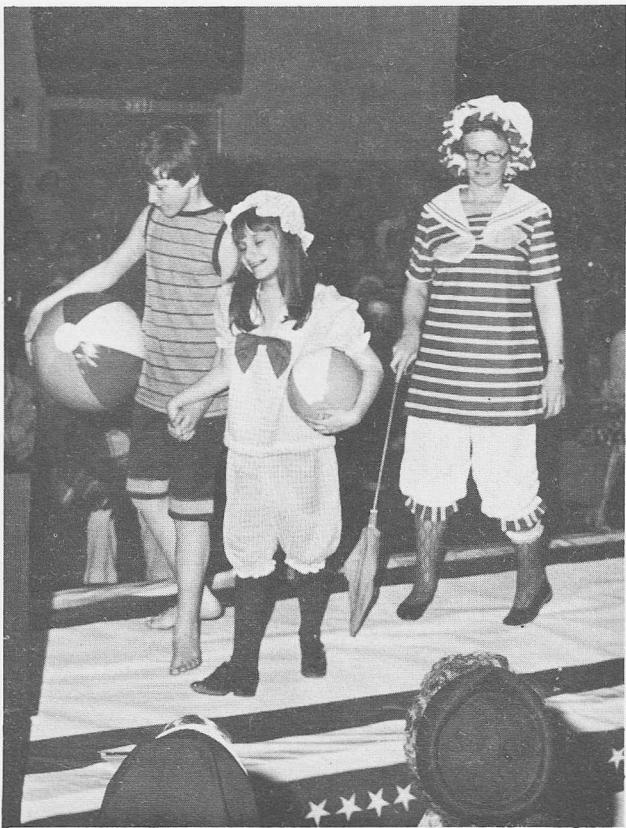
Rose Clifford and Joe Goul.



Bob McMullen and Nellie Ryan.



Diane Clifford and Mickey Yurkanin.



Norman Levy, Debbie Collins and Emma Corcoran.



McMULLEN FAMILY

Left to right—Karen, Janice, Mary Pat, Thomas, Sr., Thomas, Jr., Kathleen. In rear—Mother, Ann.



Jennifer, Lance and Eddie Williams, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Williams and Keith Tansley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tansley.



CENTENNIAL QUEEN COMMITTEE

Carole Boone, Nancy Gallagher, Amelia Wanalista Quinn, Kay Wanalista, Serilyn Morell, Kay George, Glenys Patterson.



CENTENNIAL BELLES COMMITTEE

Mrs. Robert Brennan, Mrs. Raymond McAndrew, Miss Mary Janet Gilroy and Mrs. Donald Collins.

SCENES FROM THE "CENTENNIAL QUEEN" VARIETY SHOW



Pat Lavelle - M.C.



Ed and Alice Jones



"Hot Pants"



Ted Voyack and Gene Philbin



George Mullen

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Name of the Queen and her Court being selected from bowl.



Carole Boone, Centennial Queen Chairman, thanking everyone for their support.



Chorus

QUEEN AND HER COURT



Jean Geneczko, Linda Collins, Queen and Margaret Hadley.



QUEEN BEING CROWNED

Left to right: Seated—Margaret Hadley, Princess; Linda Collins, Queen; Jean Geneczko, Princess. Standing—Kay George, Mayor Joseph Hannon, Thomas R. Gallagher, Carol Boone, Chairman; Edward M. Carroll, Dorine Blackwell and Glenys Patterson.



Mayor Hannon and
Dorine Blackwell enjoying Ball.



Queen Linda Collins and Mayor Joseph Hannon.
Princess Margaret Hadley and Edward M. Carroll.
Princess Jean Geneczko and Thomas R. Gallagher.



Enjoying the Ball.



Carole Boone expressing the thanks of her Committee.



Dave Berlew leading the parade.



MAIN TABLE AT CROWNING OF QUEEN

Left to right: Mr. William Hadley, Princess Peggy Hadley, Mrs. Margaret Hadley, Mr. Donald Collins, Queen Linda Collins, Mrs. Mary Collins, Mrs. Lottie Geneczko, Princess Jean Geneczko, Mr. Henry Geneczko.



CENTENNIAL QUEEN AND HER ATTENDANTS ATTEND LION'S DINNER

The Centennial Queen and her attendants were honored at a dinner by the members of the Avoca Lions Club. Each young received a transistor radio.

Left to right: Seated—Thomas Biagiotti, Paul Hart, Peg Hadley, Linda Collins, Queen; Jeannie Geneczko, Joseph Losczyk, Edward Lane, Joseph Barnicki. Standing—Bruce Scheller, Joseph Ozark, Joseph Burns, Donald George, William Dunstone, Frank Hayden, Richard Williams, Frank McCarthy, Thomas Breymeyer, Henry Meade, Raynor West, Harold Davies, John Coffee, Sr.

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COIN COMMITTEE WITH MAYOR PETERS

Left to Right—Emma Corcoran, Emma Morrell, Chairman; presenting a Centennial Coin to Mayor Peters, Serilyn Morell and Regina Mish.



Mayor Joseph D. Hannon presenting a share of centennial stock to Kenneth O'Donnell, Aid to President John Kennedy at the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Dinner, March 17, 1971.

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Mayor Hannon cutting the ribbon opening Centennial Headquarters.



Edward M. Carroll, General Chairman purchasing the first Auto Tag from Tom Gallagher. Others in picture are John Coffee, Mary Collins, Mary Janet Gilroy, Joseph Renzi, Ray McAndrew, Joan McAndrew and Dorine Blackwell.



CENTENNIAL BAND—HENRY LEE, DIRECTOR



Police Athletic League (PAL) under the leadership of Captain Bill Thomas of the local police department in Harrisburg, Senator Martin Murray and Representative James Musto in the center.

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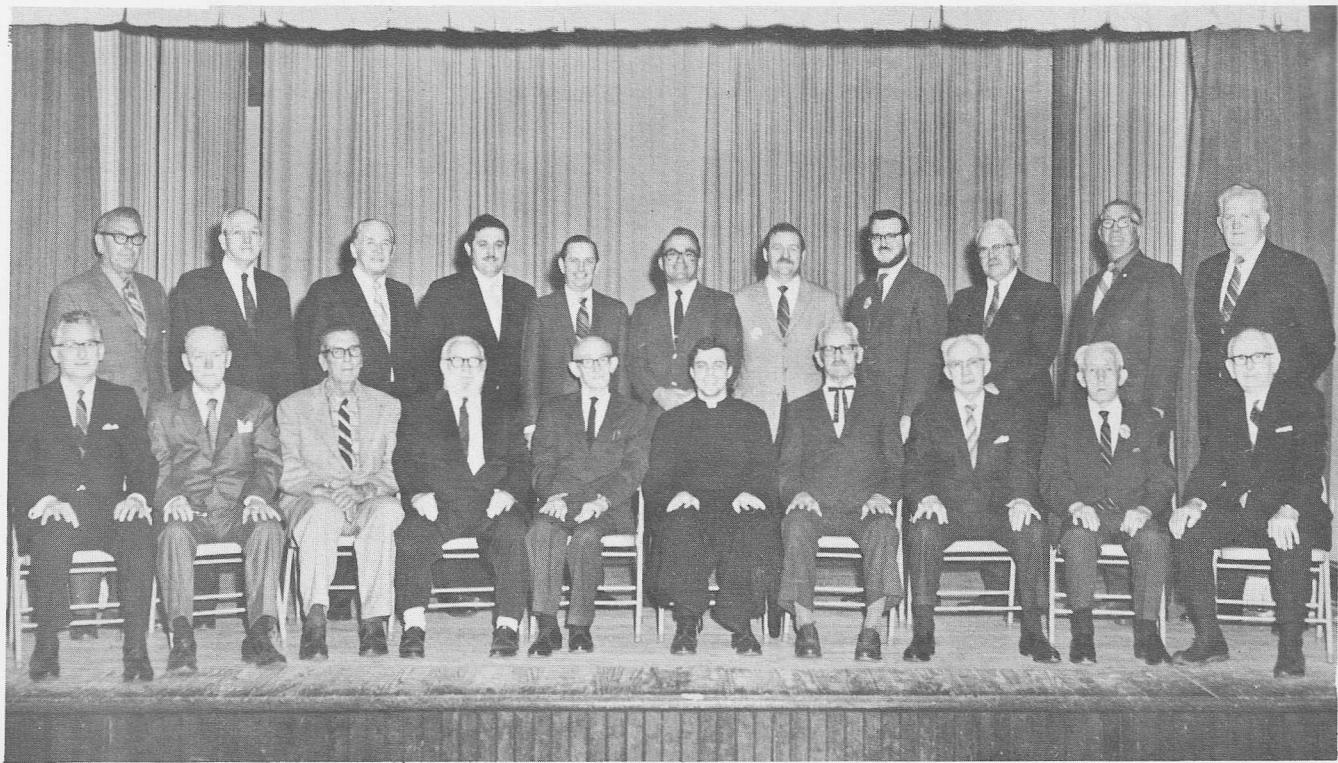
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Left to right: Seated—Carmen Chiampi, James O'Brien, Andrew Gilhooley, Harry Boone, Harry Saunders, Father Austin Flanagan, Michael Loughery, Thomas Gallagher, Thomas Brunton, Leo McFarland. *Standing*—Joe Kennedy, Fran Doran, Edward Carroll, Joseph Joyce, Thomas Gibbons, Robert Lavelle, Anthony Blaskiewicz, Thomas McMullen, Leo Murphy, James Timlin, Joseph Burns. *Absent at time of picture*—T. F. McMahon, Mayor Joseph Hannon, Joseph Corcoran, Thomas Craig, Sr.



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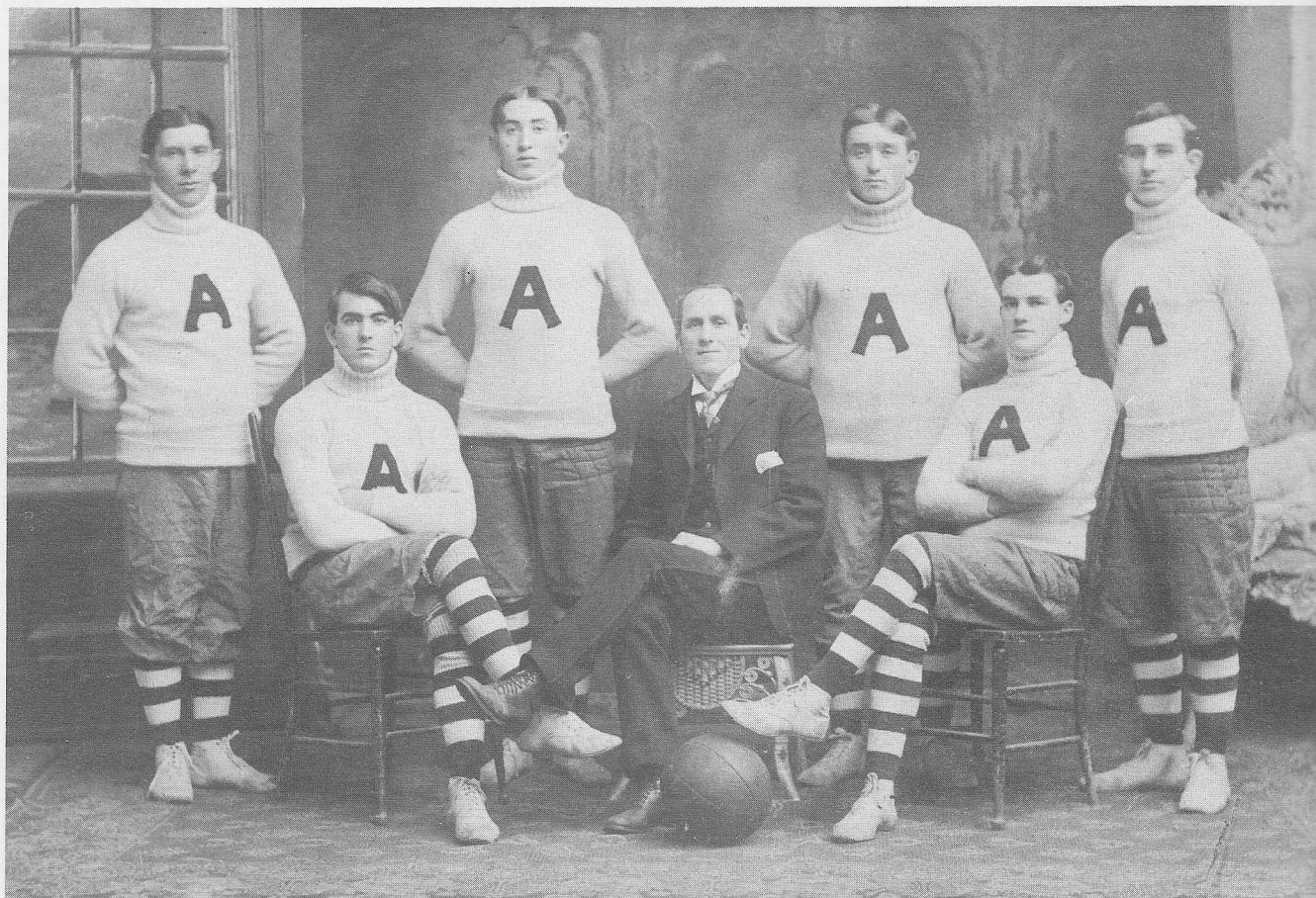
SPORTS COMMITTEE

Left to right—Thomas Breymer, Joseph Bartnicki, George Luvender, Joseph Vermack, Walter Ostroski, "Chuck" Goul.



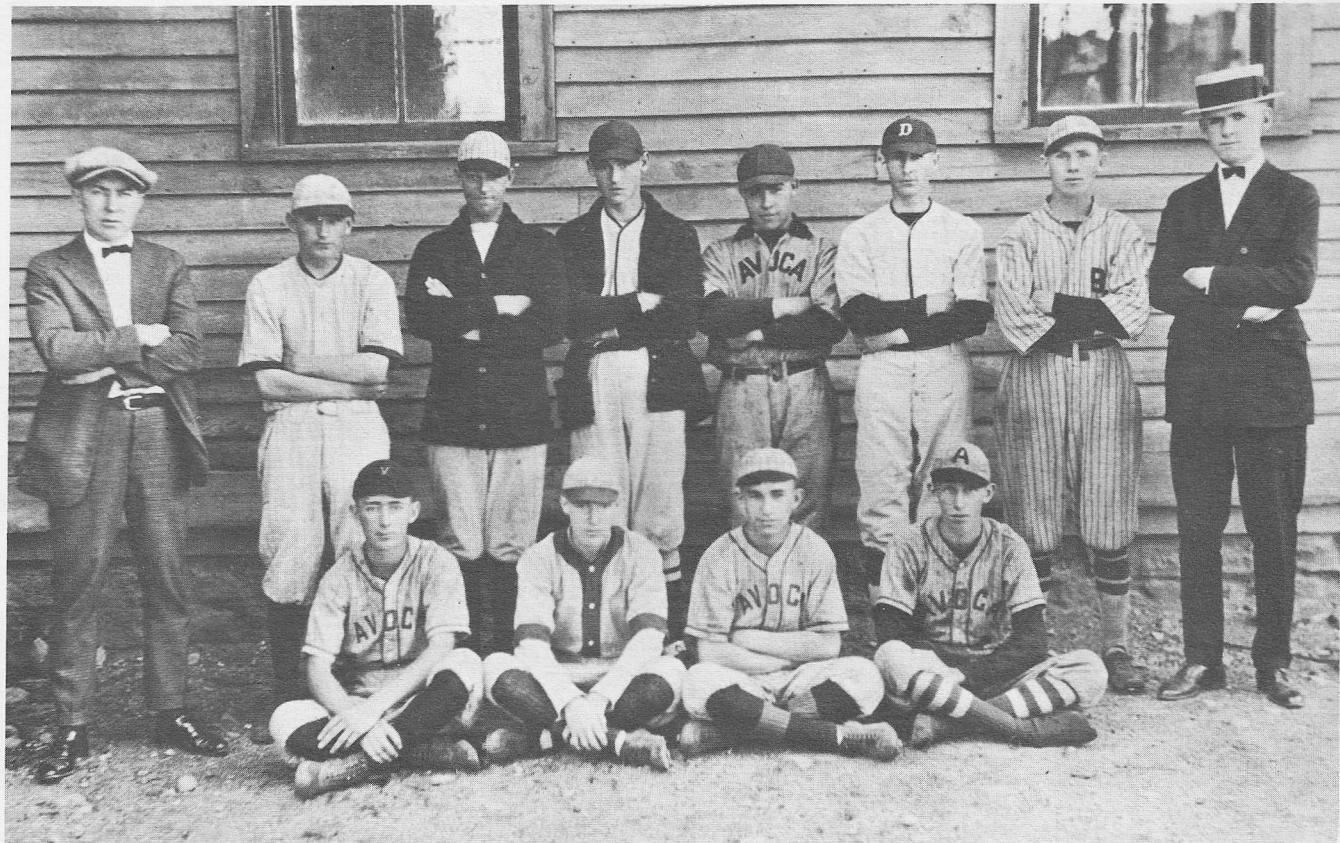
AVOCA BUFFALOS OF 1909

Adam Gillespie, Dick Stewart, Dave Philbin, Ed Slattery, Thomas Reap, Alex McDonald, Tony "Monk" Burke, Marty "Starch" Nelson, Dr. Thomas H. Harding, Jim Studders, Pat "Rube" Preston, William Reap and Patrick L. Farrell.



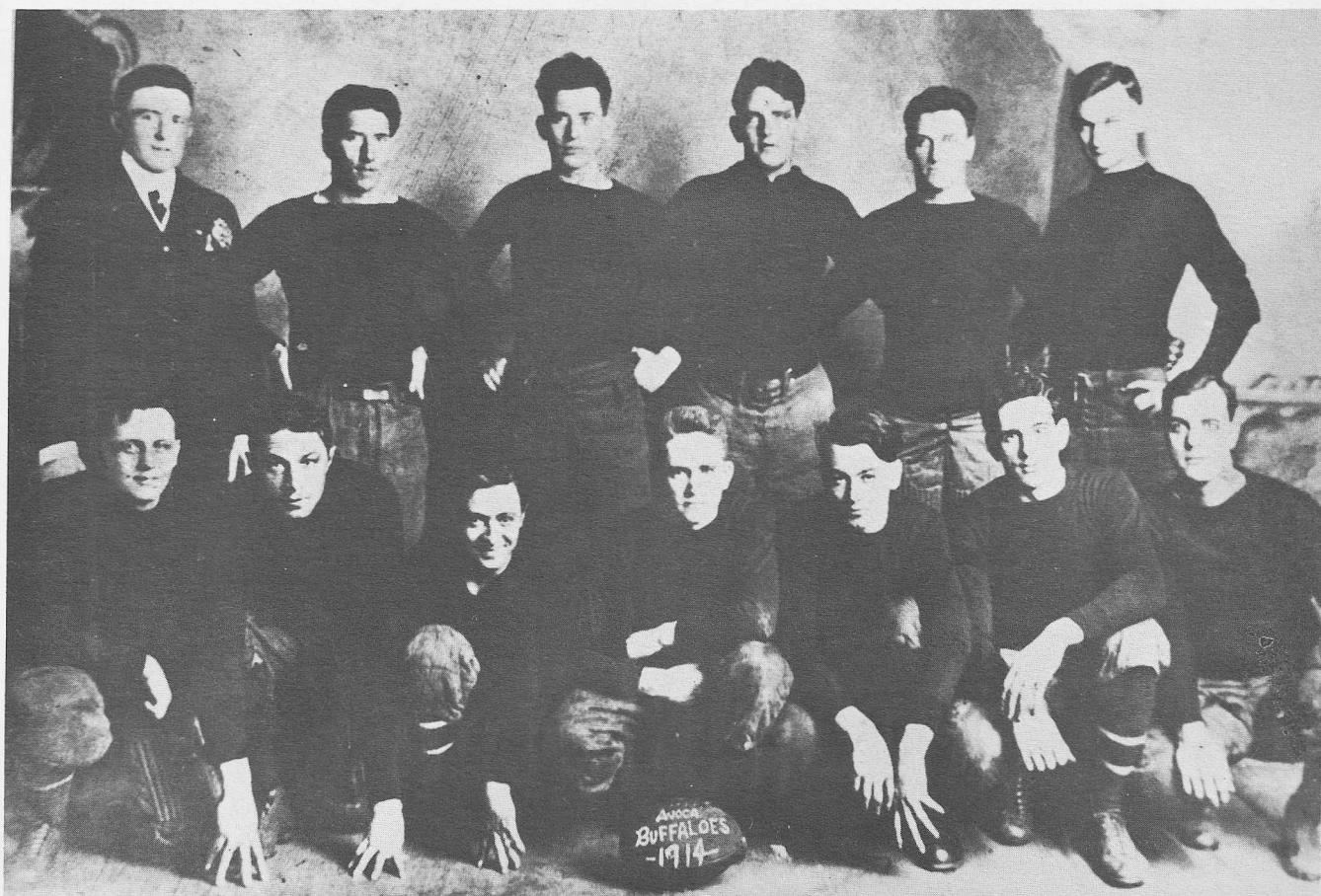
BASKET BALL TEAM OF 1905

Left to right: Seated—Tony Walsh, Michael F. O'Brien, Owner and Manager; Martin McKeon. Standing—Edward Early, Joseph Tigue, John Mullin and Martin Ward.



AVOCA HIGH CHAMPS OF 1923

Left to right: First Row—Joseph Brennan, Cyril Kritzer, Joe Barrett, Father Joseph Quinn. Second Row—Frank "Butch" Davis, Peter Biga, Thomas Dawe, Michael Feeney, Charles "Spider" Woolever, Joseph Curley, James Dougherty and George Murphy.



AVOCA BUFFALOES OF 1914



AVOCA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TEAM
Around 1929 - 1930

Left to right: First Row—Joseph Hines, Edward Dunleavy, Peter Lavelle, Jimmie Mullen - Coach, Jimmie Mullen, Jr. - Mascott. Second Row—Leo "Buzz" McGlynn, Frank McDonald, Joseph "Gabby" Barrett, Michael Feeney, George Luvender, Carl Kane, Thomas McCarthy. Third Row—Thomas R. Gallagher - Secretary, William Lampman, Kenneth Feeney, Miller, John Biga, James Dunleavy - Manager.



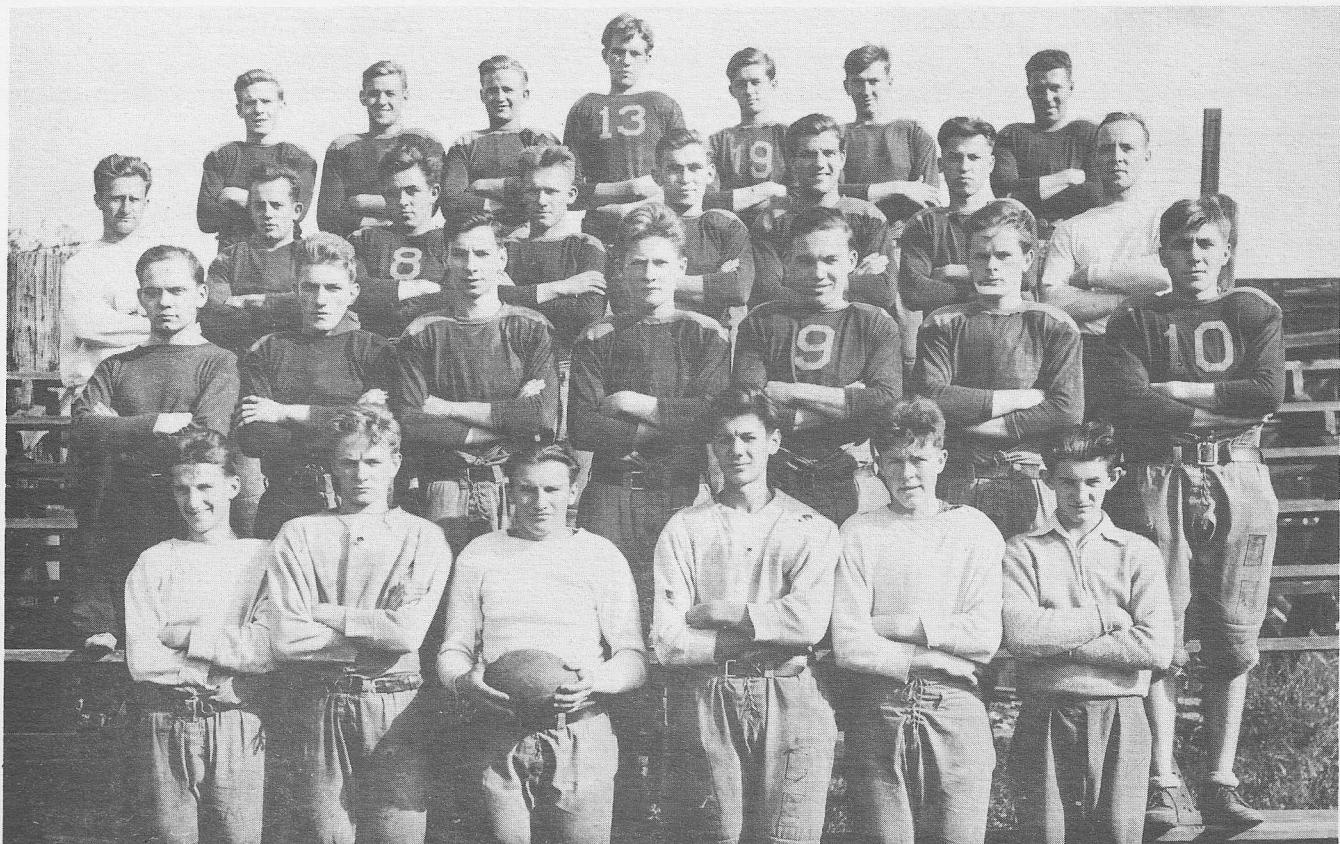
AVOCA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM - 1934

Left to right: First Row—E. Hines, C. McAndrew, W. Saunders, M. Thomas, Second Row—Bill O'Malley, Edw. Carroll, T. Dougherty, E. Goginski Patterson, K. Brown, L. Pucilowski, F. Heston, J. Galvin. Third Row—J. Skierkowski, Coach; B. Romanowski, H. Jeffreys, J. Saunders, E. Algar, T. Pucilowski, P. Waleski, W. Janeski, K. Roberts, D. Williams. Fourth Row—J. Sempa, Manager; B. Biga, C. Kolander, T. Bell, F. Woods, Kania.



HILL TOPPERS — 1938 CHAMPS

Left to right: First Row William Hobbs, Milton Hall, Sluzark Mascot, Keska Mascot, Edward Carroll, Harold O'Brien. Second Row—Donald Larnerd, Walter Sowa, Charles Murray, Kenneth Hobbs, William Robbins. Third Row—James O'Brien, Edward Bowman, John Robbins, Edward Robbins, William Biga, Joseph Hobbs - Manager.



AVOCA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM — 1936

Left to right: First Row—F. Searfoss, J. Coleman, A. Cosmark, Likowski, "Starchy" Lillis, Saunders. Second Row—McAndrew, Algar, Thomas, Carroll, Waleski, Kearney, Pliska. Third Row—H. Hokien, T. Dougherty, B. Regan, A. Bartush, Troynoski, DeLuca, RaFalko, J. Skierkowski, Coach. Fourth Row—P. Heston, W. Romansowski, W. Janeski, Reed, W. Cieless, L. Gregory, D. Borthwick.

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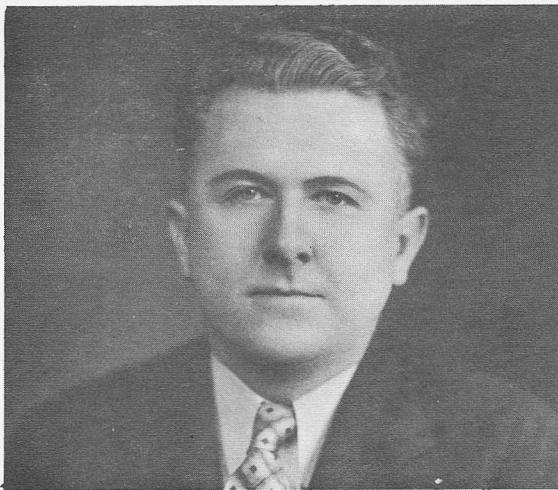
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JOHN W. MURPHY

Attorney John W. Murphy served as Assistant District Attorney, Lackawanna County 1935 – 1941.

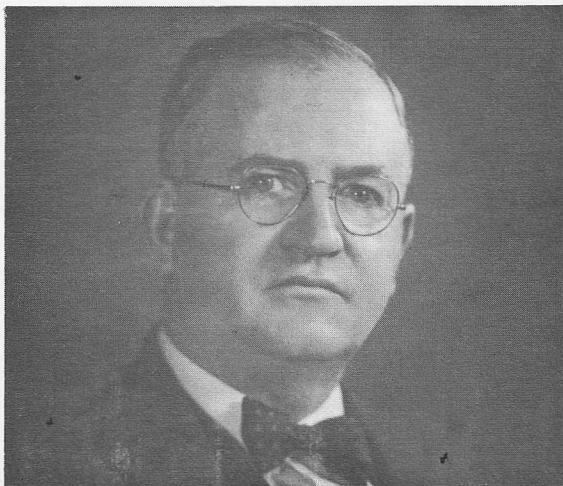
Served in U. S. Congress 1941 – 1947.

Appointed as Federal Judge by President Truman and served from 1947 until his death in 1962.



JAMES J. McLANE

Jimmie McLane, served in the State Legislature 1939 – 1943.



JOHN R. REAP, SR.

Attorney John R. Reap, Sr., served as Deputy State Attorney General 1935 – 1939.



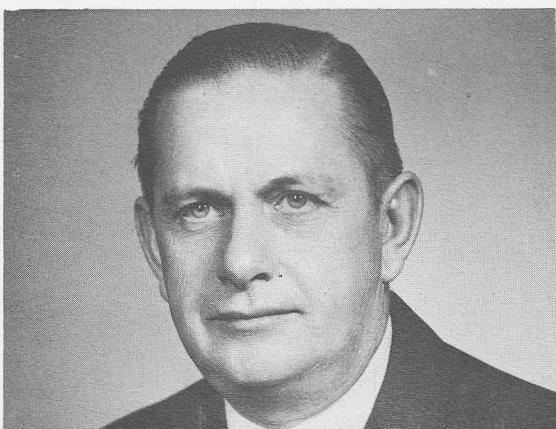
M. J. HEALEY

Michael J. Healey served in the State Legislature, elected two terms 1909 and 1912.



EDWARD M. CARROLL AND FAMILY

Edward M. Carroll served as Luzerne County Commissioner, two terms 1951 – 1960. Pictured at the swearing in ceremonies in 1951 are Peggy Carroll - front, Michael, Mr. Carroll, Mrs. Carroll (Ann) and Kathy.



THOMAS C. GIBBONS

Attorney Thomas C. Gibbons presently serving as Referee In Bankruptcy for the U. S. Middle District of Pennsylvania.

JOHN MORAHAN

John Morahan also served in the State Legislature about 1898—Picture not available.

DR. GEORGE B. SEAMANS

Dr. George B. Seamans served in the State Legislature for two terms. He was elected in 1876.

BELOW IS A LIST OF THE MEN WHO SERVED AS BURGESS
AND MAYOR OF AVOCA SINCE THE TIME OF INCORPORATION



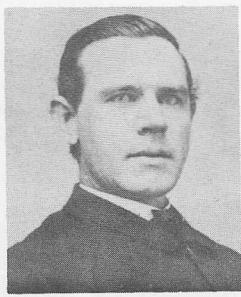
Joseph O'Hara



Joseph D. Hannon



Dr. W. H. Berge



P. B. Brehony

1873	P. F. Càllahan
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1875	William Schoonover
1876-1878	P. B. Brehony
1878	Robert Scott
1879	P. B. Brehony
1880	P. W. Earley
1881	P. B. Brehony
1882	Jacob H. Snyder
1883	Michael Queeney
1884-1885	T. A. Hendricks
1886	John F. McLaughlin
1887	Michael Whalen
1888	John J. Gibbons
1889	Michael Dempsey
1889	William Westcott
1890	Robert Anderson
1891	P. H. O'Brien
1892	Thomas Fitzsimmons
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1894	Orville D. Hollister
1895-1896	P. F. Boylan
1897-1899	Anthony Healey
1900-1902	Dr. W. H. Berge
1903-1905	James Ryder
1906-1908	Dr. Charles Price
1908-1909	Thomas Newton
1910-1913	James McLaughlin
1914-1920	John J. "Babe" Hoban
1921-1924	Joseph O'Hara
1925-1940	M. J. Healey
1940	John O'Brien
1941	Lester Keith
1942	John O'Brien
1950-1968	James J. McLane
1968	Joseph D. Hannon



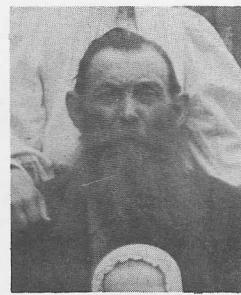
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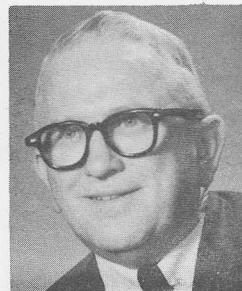
James McLaughlin



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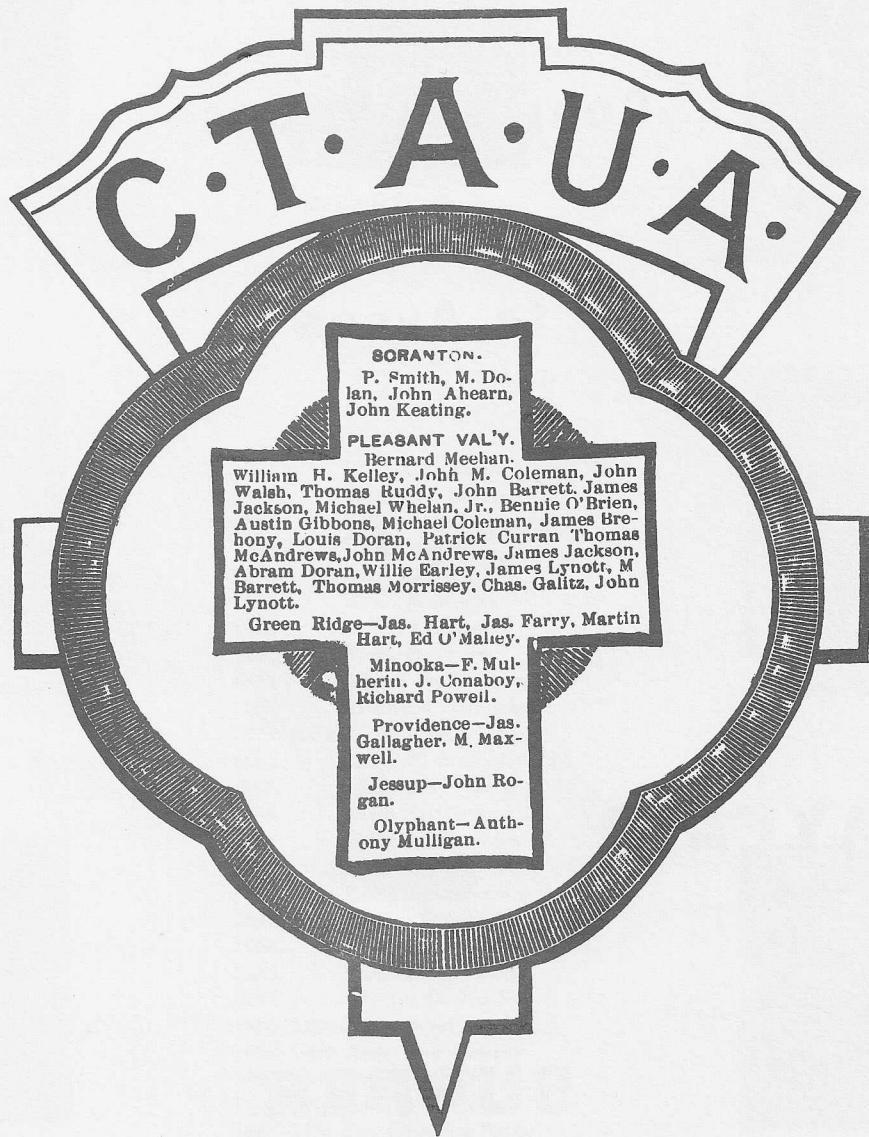
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MUD RUN DISASTER, OCTOBER 10, 1888.



IN MEMORIAM.

LIST OF SCRANTON UNION'S DEAD

THE OTHER VICTIMS.

The other victims of the disaster were: Scranton—Owen Kilcullen, Thomas Moran, William Noon, William Duhigg, John J. Gibson, Michael Moffit. Providence—Michael Dolan, Peter Kline. Green Ridge—George Henry Stevens. Hyde Park—Katie McNicholas, Margaret Hart, Katie Kennedy. Pleasant Valley—Mrs. P. B. Brehony, John Coleman, Patrick Keenan, Mathew Flaherty, Kate Featherstone, Mary Meehan, Mrs. Patrick McAndrews, Patrick Mullin, Patrick Walsh. Minooka—Mrs. Richard Powell, Patrick Powell, William Cusick, Thomas Toole.

PREDICTIONS OF THINGS TO COME

ABOUT 1900

Christmas is about to ring again, its chimes of music. The stockings are being prepared for a visit from Santa Claus. The turkey is strutting about in Lordly fashion, mustering up his last courage to bravely walk to the guillotine and be once and for all executed.

Avoca is pursuing the even tenor of her way, floating majestically the penant of a glorious future. Like Gaul, Avoca is divided into three parts, two of which the Democrats inhabit (for the Republicans have little say in legislative matters) the other of which is inhabited by an almost equal number of Republicans and Democrats. Of all these, the Second Ward is the most important; for is it not here that all the merchants carry on their business? And live in the hope that the Two Weeks Pay will bring to them the harvest time? Through this section a railway passes, and on it run a number of cars from which the hamlet receives no taxes. This electric byway connects us with the great Electric City on the North, while on the south, it empties load after load of speculators into the Black Diamond city. Three Steam Railways pass through our town, offering to manufacturers and merchants unsurpassed facilities for procuring their goods as well as exporting them.

The Western boundry of our peaceful vale is turbulent Duryea, the impositions of which the North End residents would prefer to enjoy rather than annex themselves to our progressive Borough.

On the Easterly side is a division of Pittston Township, which rests among the seclusion and quiet of the wooded section. Isolated as it is, it offers a suitable place for summer visitors, who fond of the beauties of nature, go roaming through the forests, rounding up at Mr. Tommy Barret's summer home where they rest and enjoy a soothing glass of his delicious cider. Moosic and Dupont are at the immediate Northern and Southern limits, respectively of this great town.

Nestled prettily amid such splendid enviroments, what is the future of this great town? What will the next few years bring about? In the rear future, we can see Main street covered with asphalt pave—A fine new town hall will adorn the street—Doctors Seaman, Berge and Pier, who minister to the sick and ailing, will discard their horses and rubber tired buggies, and will be seen to locomote in fine automobiles. Our merchants will abandon the credit system—cash only will be accepted for

purchases. Every house in town will be lighted with electricity—The mines will become exhausted—Industries will take their places, that will give to Avoca an active, progressive and metropolitan appearance.

The Argus instead of greeting its readers on Saturday, will become a daily paper. The population of Avoca, instead of being 3,500 will be from 10,000 to 15,000, then we shall ask to be incorporated into a city—Then there will be a scramble for the salaried offices.

We shall find our streets patrolled by policemen. The lockup will do a thriving business—especially around pay time.

The telephone will connect all parts of the town—It will be found in every store—in every business place; then will it be easy for us to know what is transpiring in all parts of the town at the same time. The Hose Company will have a fine team, a salaried man will take care of them and be ready to respond at a moments notice. Fire insurance rates will diminish and less property will be destroyed—Lincoln Hill will become the desirable residence section, all the vacant land in the vicinity on No. 3 school will be covered with fine houses; A fine park will be made back of Lincoln Hill, a band stand will be erected, and we shall enjoy sacred concerts every Sunday. Every home in town will be connected with sewer—every home will have a furnace and bath room.

Merchants will visit our homes every morning and take our order for each day's provisions. We will not be obligated to move out of our homes for anything. A large ten room brick building will replace the one now known as No. 1 School. The pupils will not be obliged to walk so far to school. The compulsory Education law will be enforced, and every child will be found in the school room instead of the breaker and mill. The number of saloons in town will diminish. Men will become moderate drinkers, their drinking will be done at home. We will have two large hotels—they will be found necessary.

Avoca will embrace all the territory from Moosic over to what is known as the back road, and as far South as the lower end of Smithville. These prophecies may seem strange, but it will be only a matter of time until every one of them will be fulfilled. Wait until ten years have elapsed, then pick up this edition of the Argus and see how truly these remarks have been verified.

THE MEETING OF THE WATERS

There is not in the wide world a valley so sweet
As that vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet;
Oh! the last rays of feeling and life must depart
Ere the bloom of that valley shall fade from my heart.

Yet is was not that nature had shed o'er the scene
Her purest of crystal and brightest of green;
'T was not her soft magic of streamlet or hill,
Oh! no — it was something more exquisite still.

"T was that friends, the beloved of my bosom, were near,
Who made every dear scene of enchantment more dear,
And who felt how the best charms of nature improve,
When we see them reflected from looks that we love.

Sweet vale of Avoca! how calm could I rest
In thy bosom of shade, with the friends I love best,
Where the storms that we feel in this cold world should cease,
And our hearts, like thy waters, be mingled in peace.

Thomas Moore

JOLLY BOYS ASSOCIATION

Of Avoca

The purpose of this organization is to maintain an association to promote Civic, Social and Community Projects for the mutual betterment, benefit and enjoyment of the community as well as to assist other groups, associations and the like in their community and civic endeavor's excluding partisan politics and sectarian religions.

West Side Social Club

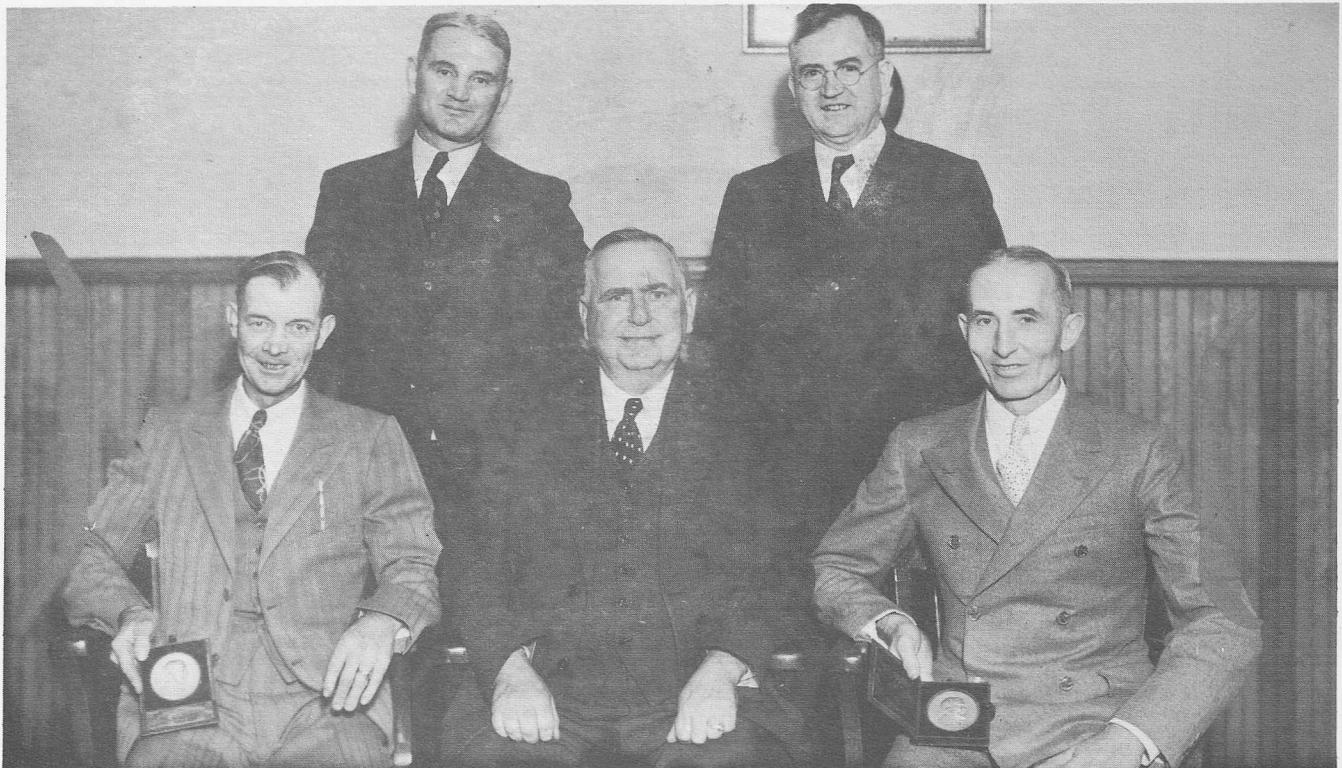
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AWARDED CARNEGIE MEDALS

Seated—Robert Hughes, Burgess Michael J. Healey, Joseph Tigue, Thomas "Hick" Coleman, and Atty. John R. Reap, Sr.

For their courageous work in rescuing Louis Doran, Thomas Coleman when they were trapped in an old abandoned mine entry for 29 hours on November 8, 1932, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Tigue were awarded a Bronze Medal and \$1,000.00 each by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.



JAMES McLANE — TAKING OATH AS BURGESS

James J. McLane being sworn in as Burgess of Avoca Borough in 1948, Squire Jimmie Haskins administering the oath.
Others in picture—David George, Earl Clifford, David Boone, Sr., Eugene McGarry, Ray West, Edward M. Carroll, Roger Woods, Jr., Roger Woods, Sr., Leo Hines, Peter Yablonski, James O'Malley and Atty. Thomas C. Gibbons.

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Thomas Boshart, being presented with a citation by Sgt. Edward Bilder in 1967 for his volunteer recruitment work. Sgt. Boshart enlisted in the U.S. Army at the start of the Spanish American War, 1898, and served until his retirement in 1933.



AVOCA HIGH SCHOOL CHEER LEADERS - ABOUT 1949

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



HEART FUND COMMITTEE — 1964

Mrs. Joseph Hannon, Mrs. Walter Curry, Mrs. James J. Walsh, Mrs. Raymond McDonald, Mrs. Edward Jennings, Mrs. Raymond McAndrew, Mrs. Anthony Blaskiewicz, Walter Tigue, Mayor James J. McLane, Mrs. Austin O'Malley, Mrs. Ike Goul and Mary Skoranski.



HEART FUND COMMITTEE — 1963

Left to right: First Row—Mrs. Mary Finnian, Mrs. James J. Walsh, Mayor James McLane, Mrs. Walter Curry, Mrs. Edward Jennings. Second Row—Mrs. Horace Wharton, Mrs. James Timlin, Mrs. Jule Hunt, Mrs. Raymond McDonald, Miss Marie Timlin, Mrs. Larry Heffron.

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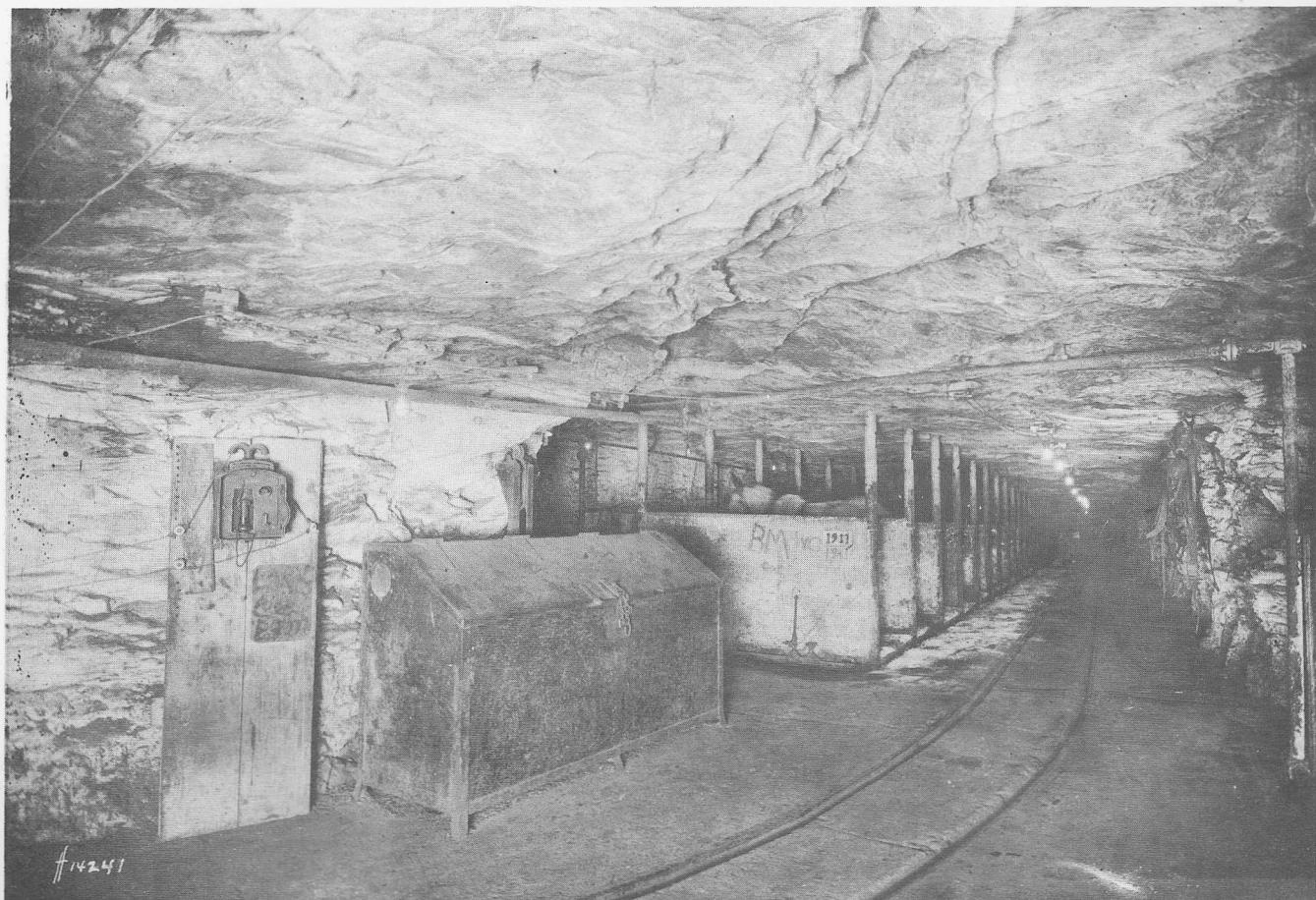
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LOCAL MINE SCENES



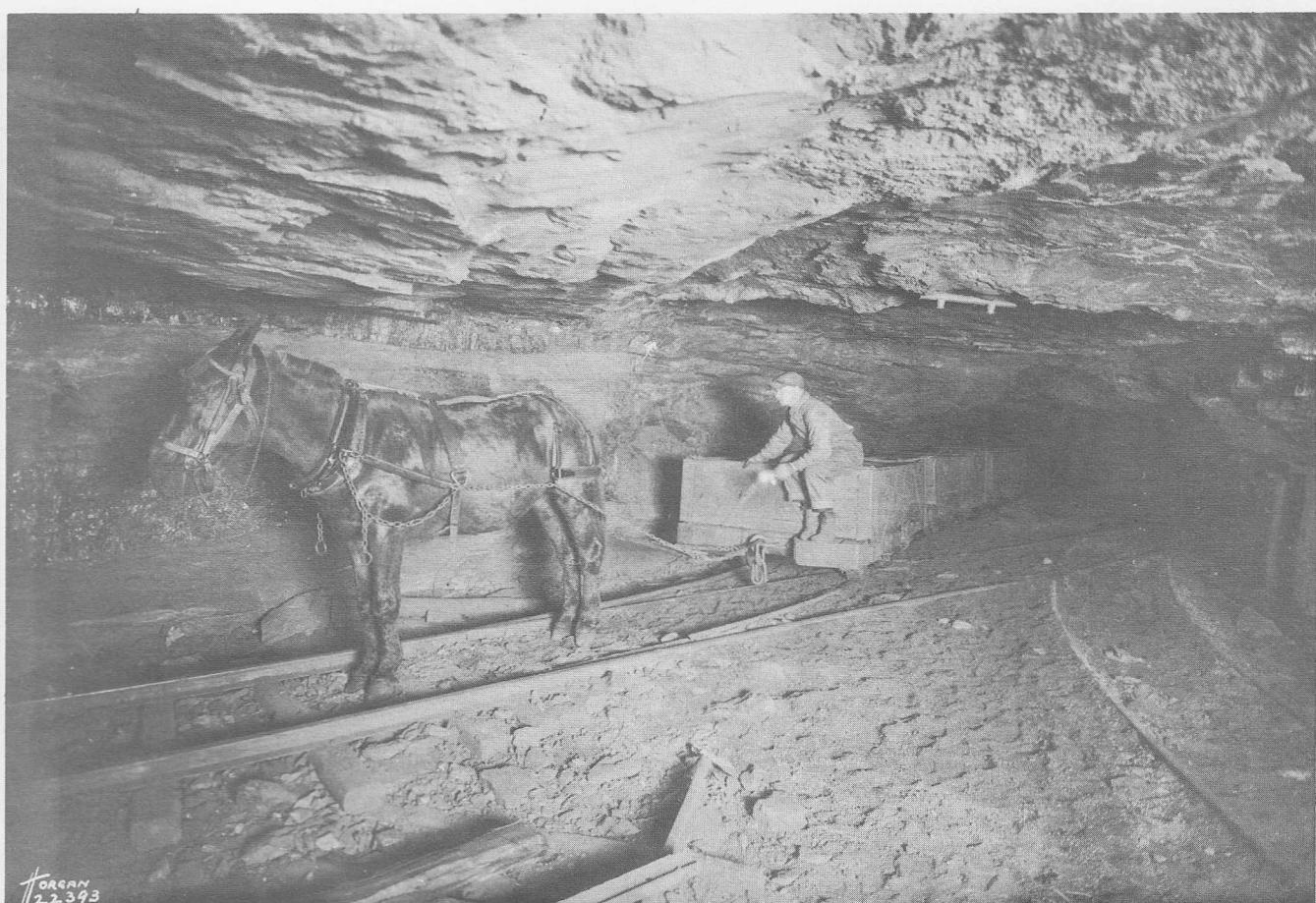
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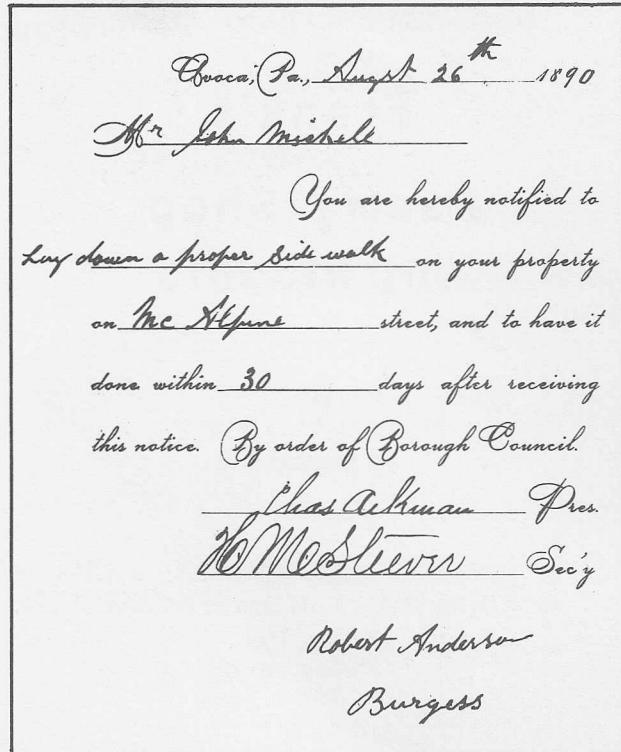
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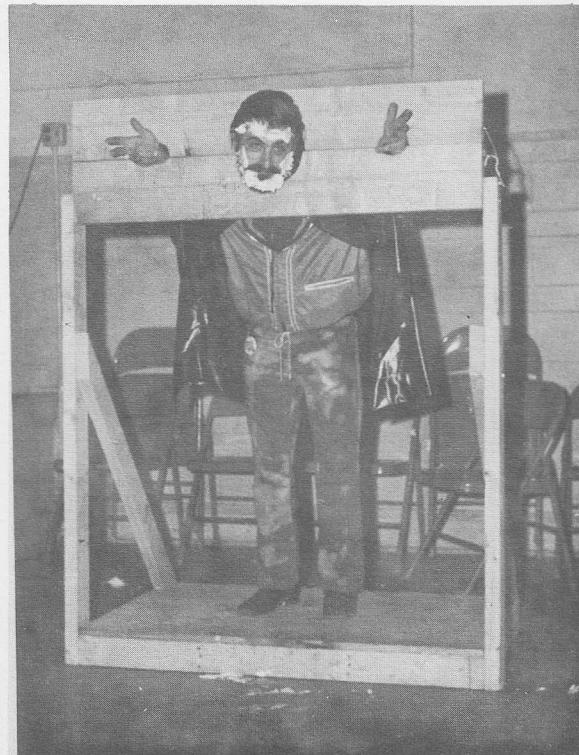


Keystone Cops

Left to right—Emma Corcoran, Pat Clifford, Gladys Lumsden, John Madigan, Amelia Quinn, Marty McGlynn, Dorothy Mazur, George Pedley and Ernie Cavalari.



Citation of 1890



He Goofed.



Frank Madigan, victim, mixing cement in front of Legion. John Madigan, Keystone Cop.



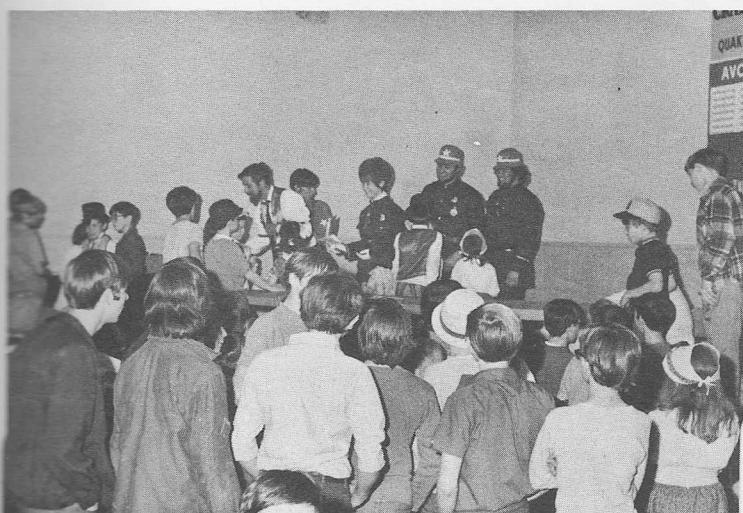
Al Martin the Culprit on his way down the Main Street dressed as prisoner, and shouting "the bank's been robbed, ding a ling, the bank's been robbed".

KANGAROO

COURT



Stanley "Stassie" Borowitz, Emma Corcoran, Keystone Cop.



David (Botchem) Berlew, Jr., Victim.



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WEST SIDE BUTTERFLIES

Left to right: First Row—Marie Cordes, Helen Moran, Cathy Mullen, Catherine Thomas, Theresa Lokuta, Cassie Brogan, Catherine Grace, Mary McLaughlin, Irma Shaw, Leola Bartush, Amelia Spigarelli, Esther Burke. Second Row—Nancy Alardyce, Faye Durkin, Lucille Davidson, Jean Carruthers, Ann Higgins, Joyce Hannon, Mary Gilvary, Nan Joyce, Josie Regan, Nancy Robbins. Third Row—Rosemary Thomas, Mary Kaye Jones, Rita Roughsedge, Judy Craig, Mary Jean McCutcheon, Grace Marie McLaughlin, Anne Reynolds, Carole Hudzinski, Pauline Reedy, Helen Chernesky, Alice Marie Craig.



WEST SIDE BUTTERFLIES

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WESTSIDE SOCIAL CLUB, BEAU BRUMMEL CHAPTER

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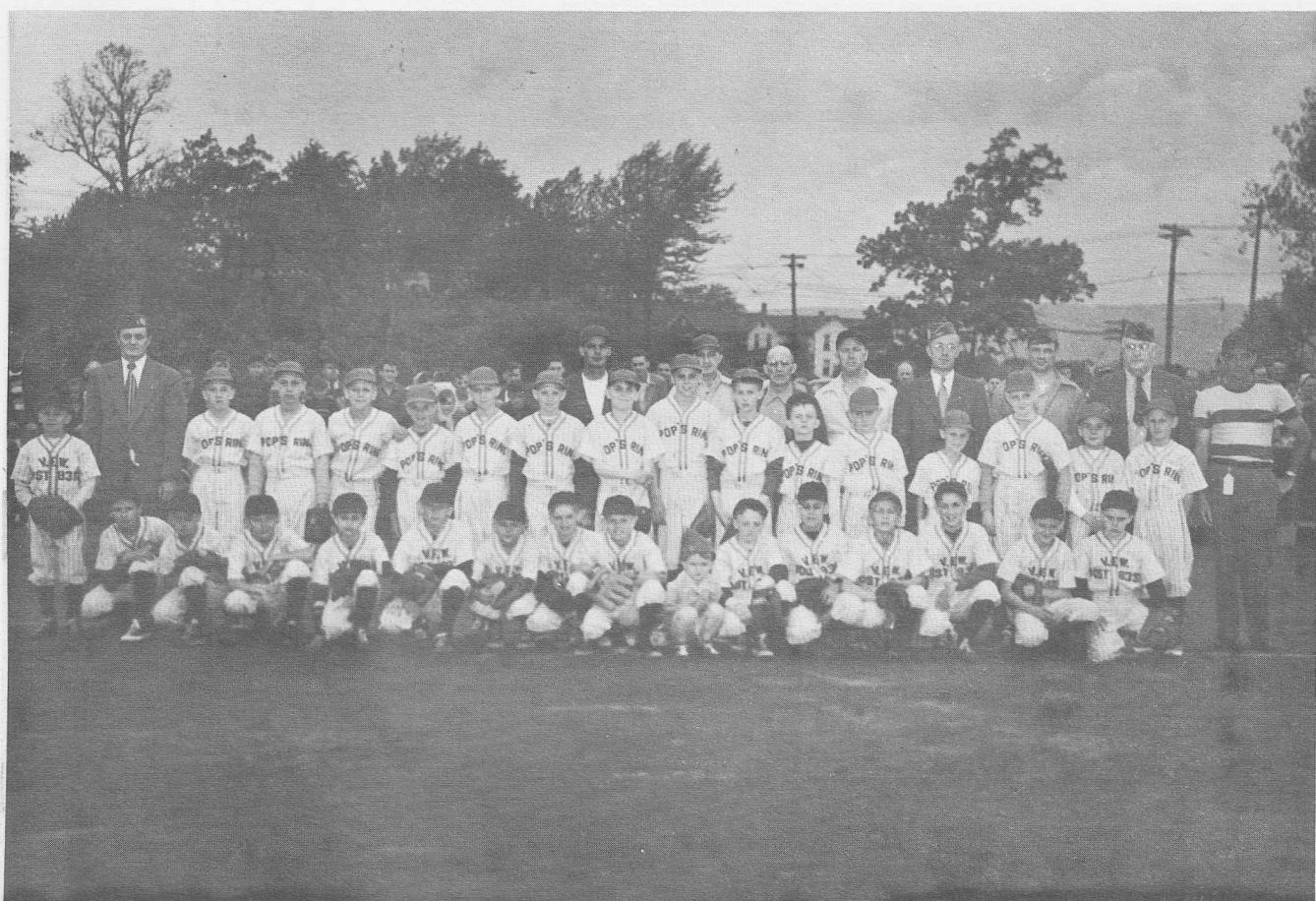


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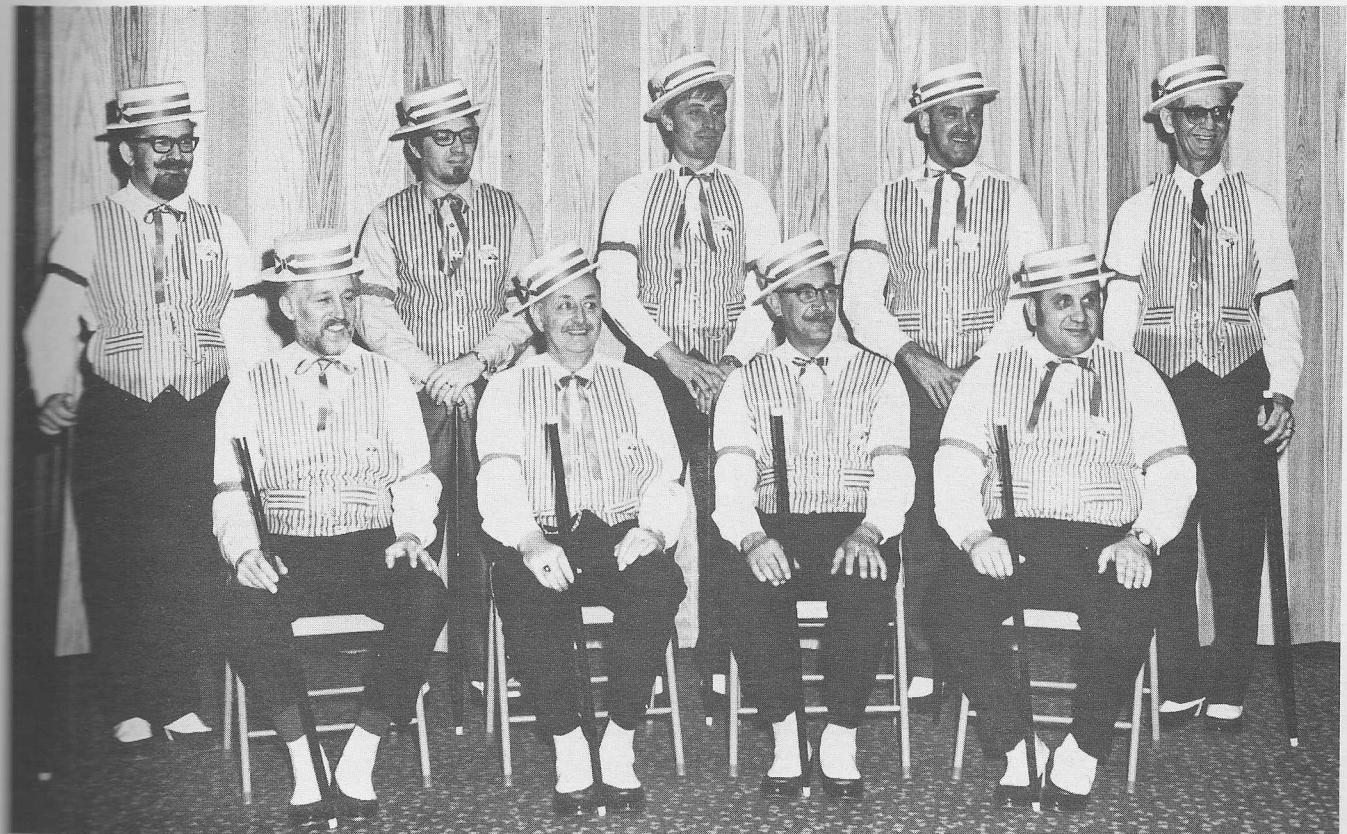


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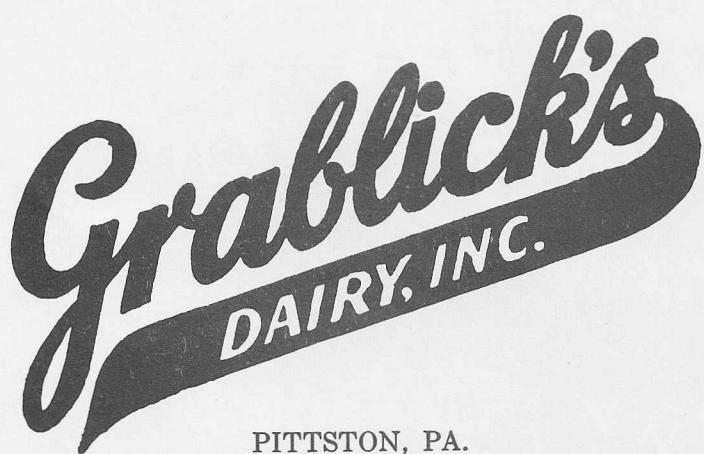
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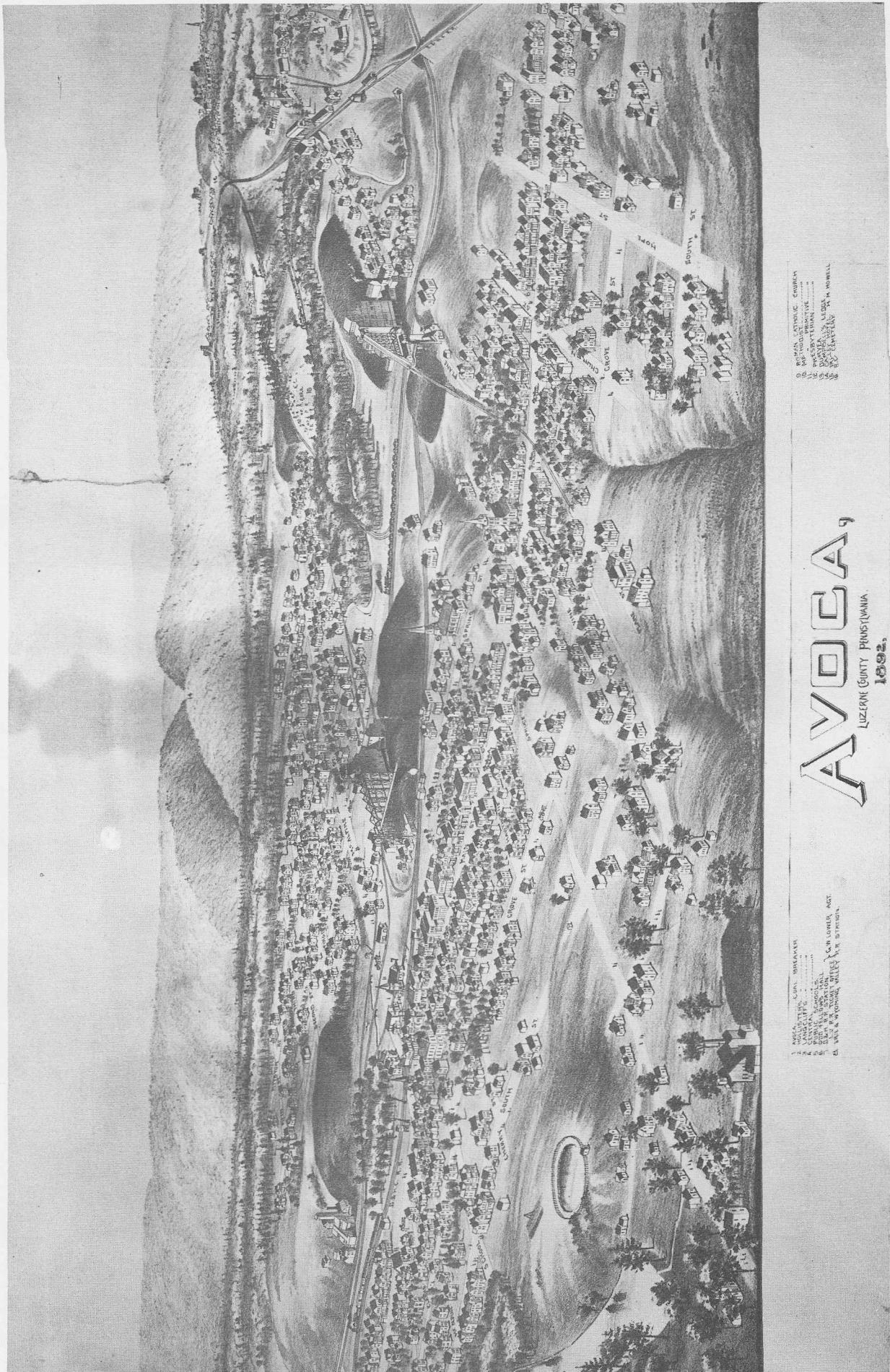
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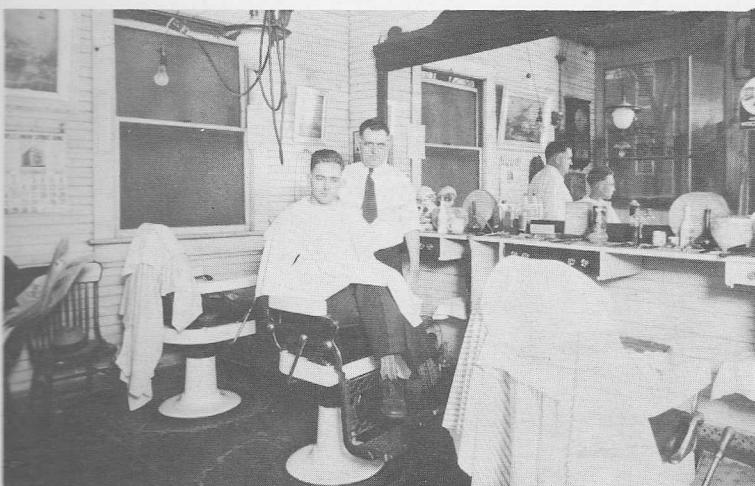
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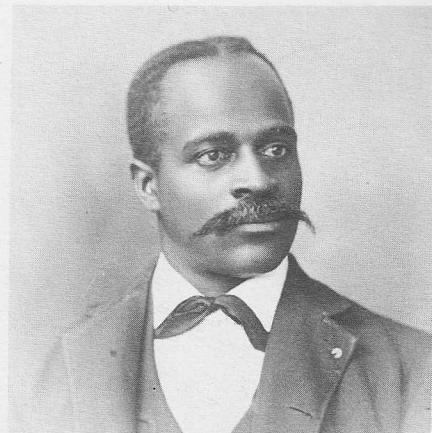


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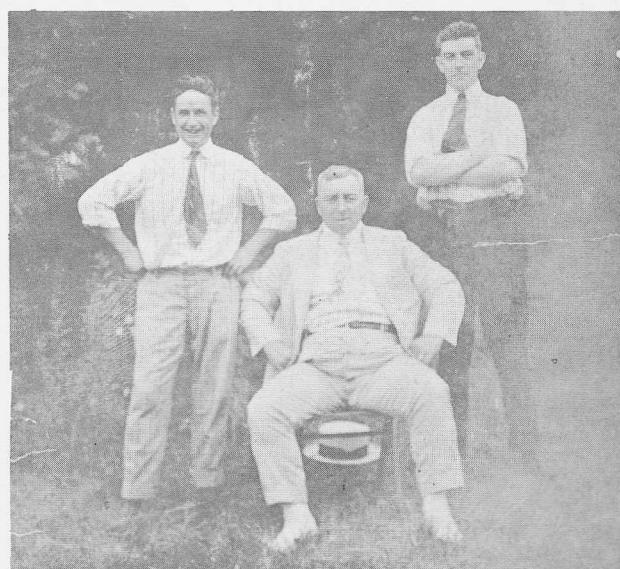


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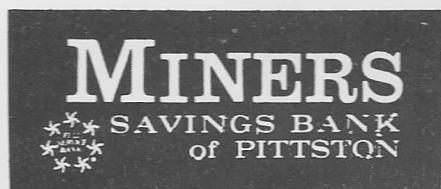
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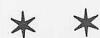
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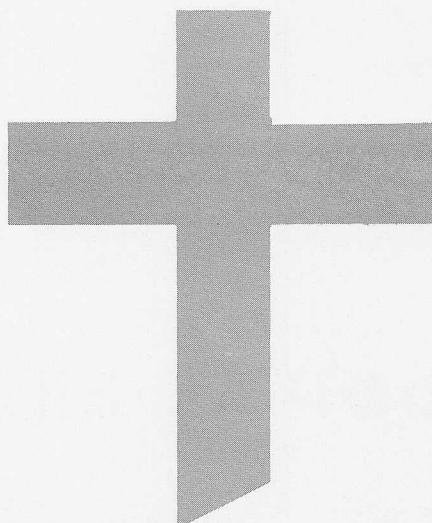
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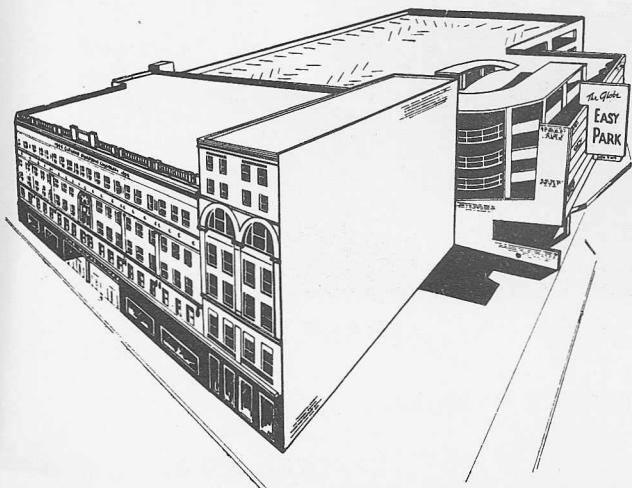
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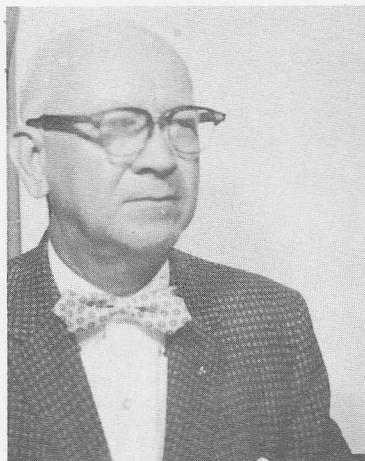
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